SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER EARN LS ACCREDITATION FOR ULTRASOUND
Only practice in Greater Hartford with comprehensive diagnostics

(HARTFORD, Conn. – June 23, 2016) Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has received a three-year ultrasound practice accreditation from the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

The Obstetrics-Gynecology Ultrasound Diagnostic Center at Saint Francis is the only practice in Hartford and the surrounding region with accreditation that includes first, second and third trimester obstetric ultrasound, as well as adjunct detailed fetal anatomic ultrasound, fetal echocardiography, and 3D gynecologic ultrasound within the same unit.

Located on the fourth floor of the John M. Gibbons Pavilion for Women in the Patient Care Tower at Saint Francis, the Obstetrics-Gynecology Ultrasound Diagnostic Center offers
non-invasive, state-of-the-art technology and the expertise of licensed sonographers.

High-frequency sound waves and computers are used to create accurate images that allow doctors to track the growth of fetuses and assess ovarian and uterine health.

“Accreditation by the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) demonstrates our clinical excellence and commitment to the highest quality patient care when providing diagnostic ultrasound services,” said John F. Rodis, M.D., M.B.A, president Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, a maternal fetal medicine specialist.

“I’m extremely proud of our team for undertaking this voluntary certification process that reflects their respect for their patients’ safety and quality of care,” Rodis added.

AIUM ultrasound practice accreditation is a voluntary peer review process that allows practices to demonstrate that they meet or exceed nationally recognized standards in the performance and interpretation of diagnostic ultrasound examinations.

The accreditation process encourages providers of diagnostic ultrasound service to assess their strengths and weaknesses and initiate changes to improve their practices.

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**About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center**

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women’s Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Saint Francis Medical Group. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com).