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The AIUM's Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Council Announces Accreditation of Santé Comprehensive Women's Healthcare

JOHNSON CITY, NY -The Ultrasound Practice Council of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine is pleased to announce that **Santé Comprehensive Women's Healthcare** is among a growing number of ultrasound practices to achieve accreditation in obstetrics and gynecology ultrasound. "The AIUM's Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Council is reviewing numerous applications for accreditation," states AIUM's Director of Accreditation Paula Woletz, ROMS, RDCS, MPH. "Santé Comprehensive Women's Healthcare has achieved accreditation in recognition that the practice has met voluntary standards set by the diagnostic ultrasound profession. The entire practice was reviewed, including the practice's personnel; physical facilities; documentation, storage, and record-keeping practices; policies and procedures; quality assurance methods; and how the practice meets the AIUM Standards."

Santé Comprehensive Women's Healthcare successfully completed the application process for obstetrics and gynecology ultrasound practice accreditation and was awarded accreditation in this area for a period of three years. According to Dr. Dhruv Agneshwar of Santé Comprehensive Women's Healthcare, "Our receipt of this accreditation demonstrates our commitment to providing state of the art technology with the quality of care our patients deserve. At Santé Comprehensive Women's Healthcare we are continually raising the bar on the standard of care in our community. We have successfully completed just one step in our journey to clearly distinguish our staff, services, and patient care from that available in other regional practices and institutions."

Participation in the AIUM's Ultrasound Practice Accreditation program is voluntary and is available to practices in the following areas of ultrasound: abdominal/general, obstetrical or focused obstetrical, gynecological, vascular, breast, or any combination of these areas. The accreditation process allows ultrasound practices the opportunity to assess their strengths and weaknesses and initiate changes for improving and strengthening their overall operation. The AIUM developed this program in response to the many changes in the approach to healthcare delivery that have resulted in an increased scrutiny of diagnostic evaluations, as well as technical improvements that have allowed for the expanded use of ultrasound and have dramatically increased the number of physicians and sonographers using this modality.

To receive a detailed brochure on the AIUM's Ultrasound Practice Accreditation program, contact the Accreditation Department, AIUM, 14750 Sweitzer Lane, Suite 100, Laurel, MD 20707-5906; 301-498-4100; fax 301 498-4450; e-mail accreditation@aium.org.

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