

Breast Imaging Center of Excellence Initiative



The American College of Radiology is proud to introduce the Breast Imaging Center of Excellence Award. Beginning October 1, 2007, the ACR began recognizing breast-imaging centers that achieve excellence by seeking and earning accreditation in all of the ACR's voluntary breast-imaging accreditation programs and modules, in addition to the mandatory Mammography Accreditation Program.

The College awards, at no additional fee, a formal certificate identifying a facility as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence (BICOE). This designation, administered by the ACR's Commission on Quality and Safety and the Commission on Breast Imaging, recognizes a center's dedication to improving women's health by participating in these rigorous quality assurance programs. All centers that receive the Breast Imaging Center of Excellence Award will be identified by the symbol (shown above) on ACR's "[Accredited Facility Search](#)" Web page. (Visit www.acr.org/accreditation.aspx and click on "Accredited Facility Search.")

In order to receive the ACR's Breast Imaging Center of Excellence designation, a center must be fully accredited in:

- Mammography by the ACR (or an FDA-approved state accrediting body)
- Stereotactic breast biopsy by the ACR
- Breast ultrasound by the ACR (including the ultrasound-guided breast biopsy module)

Visit www.acr.org/accreditation/bicoe.aspx for more information about the [Breast Imaging Centers of Excellence](#) and other ACR [accreditation programs](#), or contact the ACR Breast Imaging Accreditation office by calling (800) 227-6440.