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Austin Radiological Association's Women's Imaging Center Recognized for Excellence

AUSTIN, TEXAS – October 23, 2007 — Austin Radiological Association's (ARA) Women's Imaging Center has received the **Breast Imaging Center of Excellence** award from the American College of Radiology (ACR). This award of excellence recognizes ARA for earning accreditation in all of the ACR's voluntary breast-imaging accreditation programs and modules, in addition to the mandatory Mammography Accreditation Program.

"The Austin Radiological Association is honored to receive this recognition from the American College of Radiology", said Dr. Chris Butschek, the Executive Vice President of ARA. "It has always been our goal to promote the health of our patients with the highest quality screening and diagnostic care in the central Texas area."

The ACR's Commission on Quality and Safety and Commission on Breast Imaging award this designation of excellence to centers that prove their commitment to excellence in breast imaging by participating in these rigorous quality assurance programs.

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, and
- Breast ultrasound by the ACR, including the ultrasound-guided breast biopsy module.

About ARA - Austin Radiological Association (ARA) is one the largest providers of outpatient imaging in central Texas. Their more than 70 Board Certified Radiologists include physicians with subspecialty training in interventional radiology, diagnostic and interventional neuroradiology, body imaging, mammography and women's imaging, musculoskeletal imaging, nuclear medicine, and pediatric radiology. ARA owns and operates 14 outpatient imaging centers that provide a full range of imaging modalities to patients of all ages. ARA also provides professional interpretation services to 13 hospital locations in the area.