

Press Release

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Lemak Sports Medicine earns MRI accreditation by IAC

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is an extremely useful diagnostic imaging tool, performed on an estimated 10 million patients annually in the United States, enabling interpreting physicians to visualize the structure and function of the body. As it provides detailed images of the soft tissue of the body, MRI is especially helpful in diagnosing related neurological, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and oncological conditions.

There are many factors that contribute to an accurate diagnosis based on MRI. The training and experience of the technologist performing the procedure, the type of equipment used and the quality assessment metrics each facility is required to measure, all contribute to a positive patient outcome. IAC accreditation is a “seal of approval” that patients can rely on as an indicator of consistent quality care and a dedication to continuous improvement.

Lemak Sports Medicine located in Gardendale, AL has been granted a three-year term of accreditation by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in MRI in the area(s) of Musculoskeletal MRI.

Accreditation by the IAC indicates that Lemak Sports Medicine has undergone an intensive application and review process and is found to be in compliance with the published *Standards*, thus demonstrating a commitment to quality patient care in MRI. Comprised of a detailed self-evaluation followed by a thorough review by a panel of medical experts, the IAC accreditation process enables both the critical operational and technical components of the applicant facility to be assessed, including representative case studies and their corresponding final reports.

IAC accreditation is widely respected in the medical community, as illustrated by the support of the national medical societies related to MRI, which include physicians, technologists and physicists. IAC MRI is supported by the following organizations while operating independently of their activities: American Academy of Neurology (AAN); American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS); American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM); American Society of Neuroimaging (ASN); American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT); International Society for Musculoskeletal Imaging in Rheumatology (ISEMIR); and Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR).

When scheduling a MRI procedure, patients are encouraged to research the accreditation status of the facility and can learn more by visiting intersocietal.org/mri/main/patients.htm.

About IAC

IAC provides accreditation programs for vascular testing, echocardiography, nuclear/PET, MRI, diagnostic CT, dental CT, carotid stenting, vein treatment and management and cardiac electrophysiology. The IAC programs for accreditation are dedicated to ensuring quality patient care and promoting health care and all support one common mission: *Improving health care through accreditation*®. To date, the IAC accrediting divisions have granted accreditation to more than 14,000 sites throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico