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ST. LUKE'S CENTER FOR BREAST IMAGING DESIGNATED AN ACR BREAST IMAGING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Boise, ID (October 11, 2007) – St. Luke's Center for Breast Imaging has been designated a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

By awarding facilities the status of a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, the ACR recognizes breast-imaging centers that have earned accreditation in all of the College's voluntary, breast-imaging accreditation programs and modules, in addition to the mandatory Mammography Accreditation Program.

"This designation is very important to our staff who go above and beyond to provide high quality service and to our patients who expect and receive excellent care," said Dr. James Maxwell, Medical Director of St. Luke's Breast Care Services. "Receiving notice of this designation during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is extremely rewarding and timely."

The breast imaging services at this center are fully accredited in mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, breast ultrasound and ultrasound-guided breast biopsy. Peer-review evaluations, conducted in each breast imaging modality by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field, have determined that this facility has achieved high practice standards in image quality, personnel qualifications, facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs.

St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI) opened its first Breast Cancer Detection Center (BCDC) in 1972 as part of a national clinical trial funded by the National Cancer Institute. This clinical trial focused on determining the impact annual screening mammography and clinical breast exams would have on breast cancer mortality rates. Today, St. Luke's MSTI has six fixed screening sites, two diagnostic sites, and a mobile mammography unit. Screening and diagnostic services are also available at St. Luke's Wood River. In spring 2008, a fixed screening site will open in Eagle.

St. Luke's Breast Care Services provides mammography services and related breast imaging procedures to approximately 200 women each day, or 52,000 a year.

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