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**NMMC HEART INSTITUTE ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY,
CARDIOPULMONARY REHAB EARN RE-ACCREDITATION**

TUPELO, Miss.—North Mississippi Medical Center has been granted re-accreditation by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL) and the American Association of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR).

ICAEL and AACVPR are recognized for their commitment to high quality patient care. This effort was led by Cardiology Associates of North Mississippi physicians along with Gloria Cook, RN, BSN, Noninvasive Cardiology manager; Scott Taylor, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation manager; and Suzanne Tackett, RDCS, Echocardiography coordinator.

Echocardiography is an intricate imaging technique that depends on the experience and training of both the physician and sonographer. The ICAEL accredits only the top performing hospitals throughout the United States.

Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation programs which are accredited by AACVPR have the highest standard of practice. Accredited programs are multidisciplinary and meet the nutritional, psychosocial, physical and educational needs of their patients.

The Heart Institute is located on the second and third floors of NMMC's East Tower, and services include prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for cardiac disease. For more information on the NMMC Heart Institute, call 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375) or visit www.nmhs.net/heart_institute.