

Mammoth Hospital Receives ACR Accreditation  
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Mammoth Hospital has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology. Debbie Cunningham, Mammographer, was recognized by her peers for her dedication in the area of mammography.

The ACR headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by board certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment.

Debbie Cunningham graduated from Indiana University with an associate's degree in radiological science. She also graduated from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in radiography and mammography. She has been a radiology technician for over 30 years specializing in mammography.

Some of Ms. Cunningham's work experiences include supervising breast imaging centers in Indiana, Las Vegas, and Chicago in addition to being a clinical instructor for the University of Las Vegas, Radiography Program. She was also an assistant at St. Rose Hospital Siena in Las Vegas, coordinator and lead mammographer in addition to managing the MGM Hotel Medical Center.

New digital mammography services have been available at Mammoth Hospital since fall of 2007. Full field digital mammography has recently gained FDA approval for the screening and diagnosis of breast cancer, and touted to be the biggest advance in mammography in the last 20 years. This allows for earlier detection of breast cancer increasing chances of survival. The new digital mammography equipment also allows for faster acquisition, fewer total exposures, and less patient discomfort. Ms. Cunningham was very instrumental in setting up Mammoth Hospital with this advancement in diagnostic screening. For more information, contact the Medical Imaging department at 924-4070.