

## Press Release

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### **Haider Spine Center Medical Group, Inc Receives MRI Accreditation by the IAC**

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is an extremely useful diagnostic imaging tool, performed an estimated 28 million times 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, magnetic resonance is especially helpful in diagnosing issues related to neurological (brain), musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and oncological (cancer-related) conditions.

Early detection of life threatening conditions and other diseases is possible through the use of MRI procedures performed within hospitals, outpatient centers and physicians' offices. While these tests are helpful, there are many facets that contribute to an accurate diagnosis based on MRI testing. The skill of the MRI technologist performing the examination, the type of equipment used, the background and knowledge of the interpreting physician and quality assurance measures are each critical to quality patient testing.

**Haider Spine Center Medical Group, Inc located in Riverside, CA has been granted a three-year term of accreditation in MRI in the areas of Musculoskeletal MRI by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC).**

Accreditation by the IAC means that Haider Spine Center Medical Group, Inc has undergone a thorough review of its operational and technical components by a panel of experts. The IAC grants accreditation only to those facilities that are found to be providing quality patient care, in compliance with national standards through a comprehensive application process including detailed case study review.

IAC accreditation is a "seal of approval" that patients can rely on as an indication that the facility has been carefully critiqued on all aspects of its operations considered relevant by medical experts in the field of MRI. When scheduled for a MRI procedure, patients are encouraged to inquire as to the accreditation status of the facility where their examination will be performed and can learn more by visiting [www.intersocietal.org/mri/main/patients.htm](http://www.intersocietal.org/mri/main/patients.htm).

IAC accreditation is widely respected within the medical community, as illustrated by the support of the national medical societies related to MRI, which include physicians, technologists and physicists. MRI accreditation is required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and in some cases by private insurers. However, patients should remain vigilant in making sure that their MRI procedures are performed within accredited facilities, because for some facilities it remains a voluntary process.