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Baptist Heart & Vascular Institute’s Electrophysiology Lab Earns Accreditation by IAC

PENSACOLA, Fla. (April 27, 2017) – Baptist Heart & Vascular Institute’s (BHVI) electrophysiology lab has been granted accreditation by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Cardiac Electrophysiology in the areas of testing and ablation, cardiac lead extraction and device implantation.

Accreditation by IAC indicates that BHVI electrophysiology lab has undergone an intensive application and review process and is found to be in compliance with the published *Standards*. 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.

Conducted to relieve symptoms or regulate heart rate and rhythm, cardiac electrophysiology procedures are performed by facilities that specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of heart rhythm disorders. Each year, more than one million cardiac device and ablation procedures are performed for the treatment of heart rhythm disorders worldwide. The practice of cardiac electrophysiology is comprised of specialized diagnostic testing and therapeutic procedures performed by highly skilled health care professionals.

The training and experience of the cardiac electrophysiology specialist 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.

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About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization committed to improving the quality of life for people and communities in northwest Florida and south Alabama. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, two medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center, Baptist Medical Group and Cardiology Consultants. With more than 6,500 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida. For more information, please visit www.eBaptistHealthCare.org.

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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®. IAC accreditation is widely respected within the medical community, as illustrated by the support of the national medical societies related to heart rhythm disorders, which include physicians, nurses and technical and imaging specialists, which include physicians, technologists and physicists. To date, the IAC accrediting divisions have granted accreditation to more than 14,000 sites throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

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