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**West Florida Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center  
Receives Program Reaccreditation**

PENSACOLA, FL — September 7, 2016 — West Florida Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center in Pensacola recently received program reaccreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

"The American Academy of Sleep Medicine congratulates West Florida Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center on meeting the high standards required for receiving reaccreditation as a sleep disorders center," said Dr. Ronald D. Chervin, AASM president. "West Florida Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center is an important resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value in addition to the highest quality care for patients suffering from sleep disorders."

To receive accreditation for a five-year period, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the AASM. These standards address core areas such as personnel, facility and equipment, policies and procedures, data acquisition, patient care, and quality assurance. Additionally, the sleep center's goals must be clearly stated and include plans for positively affecting the quality of medical care in the community it serves.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine accredited a sleep disorders center for the first time in 1977. Today, there are more than 2,500 AASM-accredited sleep centers across the country.

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West Florida Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center is directed by Mark Scott, M.D., and is located at 8383 North Davis Highway in Pensacola.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine is a professional medical society for clinicians, researchers, and other health care providers in the field of sleep medicine. As the national accrediting body for sleep disorders centers, the AASM is dedicated to setting standards and promoting excellence in sleep medicine health care, education and research.

### **About West Florida Healthcare**

The first hospital in the area to offer all private rooms, West Florida Healthcare proudly provides market-leading quality outcomes performance. Named for the second year in a row as one of the "100 Top Hospitals" in the nation by Truven Health Analytics, the facility has also been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for five years in a row by The Joint Commission, earned an "A" rating in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group, and named by *Becker's Hospital Review* to its 2016 national list of "100 Great Community Hospitals." The area's first Accredited Chest Pain Center and Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, West Florida Hospital is also the first hospital in the state of Florida to have earned Atrial Fibrillation with Electrophysiology Services Accreditation. The hospital is also an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and offers specialized Emergency Department services tailored specifically to the needs of seniors as well as a Kids' ER dedicated to serving the emergency medical needs of children. The West Florida Healthcare campus includes the all private room acute care hospital, the area's only comprehensive, CARF-accredited physical rehabilitation hospital, and a mental health facility. Affiliated with HCA, the nation's leading provider of healthcare, West Florida Healthcare meets the community's healthcare needs in major services such as cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, oncology, orthopedics, robotic-assisted surgery, critical care, neurology/neurosurgery, emergency care, urology, behavioral health, gastroenterology, obstetrics, pulmonary, and rehabilitative medicine. For more information, visit [www.westfloridahospital.com](http://www.westfloridahospital.com) or call (850) 494-3212.

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