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J.F.L. Mammography Program Receives Accreditation From American College Of Radiology

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ST. CROIX -- The Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center (J.F.L.) announced via press release late Thursday that the American College of Radiology (A.C.R.) has certified the J.F.L. Mammography Imaging Service.

The Hospital's mammography unit is LORAD's 2015 Selenia Dimensions that MediMax installed in early September 2015, according to the release. It was provisionally endorsed by A.C.R. to permit its users to seek full accreditation. Now it is fully accredited for screening, diagnostic, and interventional use from May 17, 2016 through August 16, 2019.

The Committee on Mammography Accreditation of the Commission on Quality and Safety surveyed J.F.L. Diagnostic Imaging Department. The imaging team underwent an intensive process that started last October. The staff had to submit samples of their work for review by different mammography specialists.

“I’m very proud of my team. Milidan Zamora was the lead mammographer in this worthy effort. We multi-tasked and wore many hats as we went through this rigorous process. This accreditation demonstrates JFL’s commitment to providing the very best in patient care," said JFL chief radiologist, Dr. Angelo Galiber.

The Women’s Imaging section of the Radiology Department did 47 stereotactic breast biopsies, 22 ultrasound guided vacuum breast biopsies, and more than 30 breast core biopsies/aspirations since the new mammography unit was installed in September 2015, according to the release.

A.C.R. Accreditation is the gold standard in medical imaging. World-wide, A.C.R. accredits more than 38,000 facilities in 10 imaging modalities, as mandated under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act and the Mammography Quality Standards Act.

The V.I. Government purchased the 2015 Selenia Dimensions machine with funds that were allocated through special legislation crafted and promoted by Senator Nereida Rivera-O’Reilly.

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