

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Islands Gastroenterology Earns Accreditation For Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery Clinic

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Islands Gastroenterology has demonstrated its commitment to patient safety by gaining accreditation from the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF), according to a recently issued release.

AAAASF is celebrating its 35th year of promoting the highest quality patient safety in the ambulatory surgery setting (office-based or outpatient), as well as rehabilitation and outpatient therapy agencies and rural health clinics. AAAASF requires 100 percent compliance with all accreditation standards and does not offer partial accreditation.

If a facility fails to meet any standard, it must correct the deficiency or risk denial or loss of accreditation. To earn its accreditation, Islands Gastroenterology passed inspection on hundreds of important criteria concerning patient safety. AAAASF facility inspectors are board certified medical specialists trained to perform a thorough and complete facility inspection. The inspectors follow a regimented procedure to inspect an outpatient surgery facility in the following categories:

- General Environment
- Operating Room Environment, Policy and Procedures
- Recovery Room Environment, Policy and Procedures
- General Safety in the Facility
- Medications
- Medical Records
- Quality Assessment and Quality Improvement
- Personnel
- Anesthesia

Islands Gastroenterology, which is opening a new facility in St. Thomas, has been operating on St. Croix for multiple years and has earned the trust of the people, constantly delivering expert services to patients. The gastroenterologist at the St. Croix facility is Dr. Raymond Cintron, who has delivered expert care to patients over the years.

The St. Croix branch is open Monday through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Call 340-719-6300).

Gastroenterology is the branch of medicine focused on the digestive system and its disorders. Diseases affecting the gastrointestinal tract, which include the organs from mouth to anus, along the alimentary canal, are the focus of this speciality.