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**[Facility Name here] Participates in ACR Dose Index Registry**

**[City, State]** **(October 1, 2012)** — [Facility Name here] is now participating in the American College of Radiology (ACR) Dose Index Registry® (DIR®). Participation in the registry is voluntary and allows our imaging facility to compare its computed tomography (CT) dose indices to regional and national values. The registry also provides regular feedback so our facility can gauge how any dose reduction measures may be working over time. This allows our facility to make appropriate adjustments to its protocols, and ultimately better enable our facility to optimize the radiation dose patients receive from CT scans.

With the DIR, information related to dose indices for all CT exams is collected, anonymized and stored in a database. Registry participants are then provided with periodic feedback reports comparing their results by body part and exam type to aggregate results. Data collected from the registry will be used to establish national benchmarks for CT dose indices.

The DIR is part of the ACR National Radiology Data Registry (NRDR™), which leads the effort in developing benchmarks and comparisons to help imaging facilities improve quality of patient care.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 36,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

For more information, or to schedule an interview with a [Facility Name here] spokesperson, please contact [Contact Name here] at [phone number here] or [email address here].