**ACR Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence (DICOE)**

**Talking Points**

Showing that your medical imaging team has achieved the ACR Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence® (DICOE) designation assures providers, payers, patients and administrators that your department or practice delivers today’s highest levels of imaging quality, safety and care. Express your confidence as a DICOE facility by making these important points:

**BENEFITS**

As a DICOE facility, the [Insert Name of Facility, Department or Practice]:

* Provides patients with the utmost confidence of receiving today’s highest levels of imaging quality, safety and care
* Offers excellence at multiple levels — the professional staff, technology, policies and procedures
* Has achieved accreditation by the American College of Radiology in all imaging modalities that we provide
* Has exceeded the standard requirements of accreditation to achieve the designation of Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence from the American College of Radiology
* Has an ongoing process for self-assessment (and improvement) including participation in the ACR Dose Index Registry® and General Radiology Improvement Database

**CRITERIA**

**To become a Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence, the [insert name of facility, department or practice] has met the following criteria:**

* ACR accreditation in all modalities offered and that ACR provides
* Participation in two ACR National Radiology Data Registries (NRDR®)
* Image Gently® and Image Wisely® pledges
* Comprehensive assessment of quality, safety, procedures and personnel by an expert ACR survey team in the following areas:
	+ Governance and personnel
	+ Facility organization and management
	+ Physical environment
	+ Equipment and IT infrastructure
	+ Radiation and general safety
	+ Quality management
	+ Policies and procedures
	+ Patient rights and medical records

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