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### **WCHS Earns ACR Accreditation**

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) has been awarded a three-year term of [accreditation](#) in mammography as the result of a recent review by the [American College of Radiology](#)® (ACR®). Mammography is a specific type of imaging test that uses a low-dose X-ray system to examine breasts. A mammography exam, called a mammogram, is used to aid in the early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases in women.

The [American College of Radiology](#)® (ACR®), founded in 1924, is a 42,000-member medical association that advances patient care, medical practice and collaborative results through advocacy, quality standards, research and education. [www.acr.org](http://www.acr.org)

On 5/3/2024, WCHS Twelve Clans Unity Hospital was issued a Mammography Imaging Accreditation Final Report. The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting specific requirements based on ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported back to the facility and provide the practice with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

“We are committed to providing the highest quality care. We were excited for this opportunity to be reviewed to ensure that we are maintaining our standards on behalf of all the patients we serve.” says Allene Sommer, our WCHS Imaging Manager.

WCHS wants to remind the tribal populations in the surrounding area that serve that [The United States Preventive Services Task Force](#) recommends that women who are 40 to 74 years old and are at average risk for breast cancer get a mammogram every two years. Women should weigh the benefits and risks of screening. Please call 402-745-3950 to schedule an appointment today!

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*The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is dedicated to creating and sustaining a healthy community in Winnebago and all the populations we serve. Our organization provides an integrated approach to medicine by offering care services that are compassionate, innovative, and culturally centered. Our goal is to lead the nation in health for indigenous people by challenging the culture of healthcare for the 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. The rural healthcare services we provide include renowned acute care hospital services, a robust primary care clinic, and impressive prevention programs designed to educate, encourage, and support the mental, environmental, social, and physical wellness needs of the Winnebago community. Visit [www.wchs.health](http://www.wchs.health) to learn more.*

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