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Harbor –UCLA Medical Center Heart Echo Lab Accredited

TORRANCE - The Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Heart Station Echocardiography Laboratory has been granted accreditation by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL) in the areas of Adult Transthoracic, Adult Transeophageal and Adult Stress Echocardiography.

“This important accreditation signifies that Harbor-UCLA is meeting its commitment to high quality patient care,” said Jina Chung, MD, director of the Harbor-UCLA Echocardiography Laboratory. “Echocardiography is a life-saving technology used for the detection and management of many types of heart disease that are prevalent in our patient population.”

The noninvasive echocardiogram test has become a standard diagnostic tool in cardiology with an estimated 10 million echocardiograms performed annually in the United States. Echocardiography is a complex imaging technique to determine cardiac structure and flow.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, costing society over 83.7 million dollars each year in health services, medication and lost work time due to disability.

The Harbor-UCLA laboratory is one of a growing number of echocardiography laboratories in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to be recognized for its commitment to high quality patient care and provision of quality diagnostic testing. ICAEL accreditation is voluntary.

The ICAEL was established with the support of the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the Society of Pediatric Echocardiography (SOPE) to provide a peer review mechanism to encourage and recognize the provision of quality echocardiographic diagnostic evaluations.

About Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center is a level-one trauma hospital operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS), the second largest municipal health care system in the nation. DHS serves 10 million residents and provides the majority of uncompensated medical care in the county. The department runs two other nationally recognized academic teaching hospitals, one national rehabilitation hospital, two multi-service ambulatory care centers, six comprehensive health centers, and numerous primary care clinics through its public/private partnership program.
