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**ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL VASCULAR LAB RECEIVES
ACCREDITATION FOR QUALITY PATIENT CARE AND TESTING**

Belleville, IL – St. Elizabeth's Hospital Vascular Laboratory has attained recognition for its commitment to providing a high level of patient care and quality testing for the diagnosis of vascular disease. The facility achieved accreditation by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL).

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, costing society over 83.7 billion dollars each year in health services, medications and lost work time due to disability. Stroke is the third leading cause of death and disability in this country, with 500,000 new strokes occurring annually.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital Vascular Lab is one of a select number of vascular laboratories in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to meet or exceed the ICAVL standards for noninvasive vascular testing. It is accredited in several areas of testing including extracranial cerebrovascular testing, peripheral venous testing and peripheral arterial testing. During the accreditation process, every aspect of the laboratory's daily

operations and its impact on the quality of healthcare provided to patients is assessed and reviewed. While completing the application, the lab identified and corrected potential problems, revised protocols and validated quality assurance programs. The accreditation is valid for three years.

“Early detection of life-threatening vascular diseases, such as deep vein thrombosis or other disorders of the heart and blood vessels, is possible with the use of the noninvasive techniques we employ at St. Elizabeth’s,” said David Finley, MD, of Vascular and Hand Surgery Ltd. “This level of accreditation speaks to the dedication of the hospital staff and administration to provide quality healthcare to the southwestern Illinois region.”

The ICAVL is a non-profit organization established with the support of eleven medical societies including physicians, technologists and sonographers that represent medical specialties including cardiology, neurology, radiology, vascular medicine, vascular surgery, neurosurgery, internal medicine and biology.

About St. Elizabeth’s Hospital St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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