



**Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Accreditation Approval Report**

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**SUBJECT: MRAP ID# 52216, Pacific Interventionalists, Inc & Synergy Health Concepts, Inc, Unit # 01**

Dear Dr. Hewett:

This letter is an addendum to the report you received dated June 06, 2012 and contains the results of your unit's REPEAT testing.

**The American College of Radiology's Committee on MRI Accreditation is pleased to inform you that the above-named MRI unit has been GRANTED ACCREDITATION for a period of three years.**

Accreditation is granted if your facility has met all of the testing criteria established by the ACR Committee on MRI Accreditation for 1) clinical image quality and 2) phantom image quality. Your MRI unit's results are presented in the following table:


<b>MRAP ID-Unit #: 52216-01</b>	<b>Unit Year &amp; Manufacturer: 2006 Siemens</b>
<b>Phantom Image Quality</b>	<b>ACCEPTABLE</b>
<b>Overall Accreditation Outcome</b>	<b>ACCREDITATION GRANTED</b>

Standardized scoring procedures were used in the review of all images and data submitted for evaluation:

1. The **clinical images** must be passed by two radiologist reviewers in order to receive accreditation. During the review, image quality categories are scored for each required sequence. Additional comments may be provided by the reviewers to further improve image quality. They are recorded in the clinical image evaluation section of this report.
2. The **phantom images** are scored and evaluated by a medical physicist, using standardized evaluation methods. The submitted discs, filmed phantom images, pulse sequence parameters and measured phantom results must be judged to be adequate. Additional comments may be provided by the reviewers to improve image quality. They appear in the phantom evaluation section of this report.

**Requirements for Maintaining Accreditation**

- Please post the ACR Accreditation Certificate in a location visible to patients and affix the Accreditation Decal to the MRI unit.
- As soon as possible, you must update your records on your accreditation home page if your facility:
  1. Changes **supervising radiologist** (i.e., lead interpreting physician), **total radiology group**, **all MRI technologists**, **facility owner** or **address**.

2. Changes (i.e., removes, adds or replaces) its MRI unit so that we may advise you of the appropriate required testing to maintain accreditation.
  3. Changes in unit type (i.e., if the unit begins to regularly perform examinations from a module it is not currently accredited for). Additional testing may be required to maintain accreditation.
  4. Changes to your Medicare Enrollment number and/or National Provider Identifier (if applicable).
  5. Is permanently closing.
- Approximately 8 months prior to the expiration of your accreditation, we will notify you to begin the accreditation renewal process. The entire process should take approximately six months so it will be important to return these completed materials in a timely manner so that your accreditation does not expire. Expiration of your accreditation could affect reimbursement or payers.
  - It is expected that your facility will continue to maintain the demonstrated level of quality. If requested by the ACR, you must participate in either a mailed review of image quality or an on-site survey by an ACR team. Failure to participate in a requested review or on-site survey could result in a revocation of accreditation.
  - Facilities that become accredited through the ACR will receive a modality-specific colored decal to be displayed at their site. In addition, facilities can download the new ACR certification mark and add this to reports, letterhead and referral pads.
  - Although you may advertise the ACR accreditation status of your MRI equipment, the ACR logo may not be used in your advertisements.  is a registered trademark and service mark of the American College of Radiology.
  - All records, reports, and other documentation collected as part of an American College of Radiology accreditation or peer review activity are considered privileged and confidential communications under Section 8.01-581.17 of the Code of Virginia.

The ACR's Committee on MRI Accreditation sincerely hopes you will find the enclosed report helpful in improving image quality at your facility. Please visit the ACR website at [www.acr.org](http://www.acr.org) or call the ACR MRI Accreditation Information Line at (800) 770-0145 if you have any questions.

Finally, we hope you proudly display your new ACR Accreditation Certificate so that it is visible to all of your patients. It signifies that your facility provides this essential service to your community at the highest standards of the radiology profession.

Sincerely yours,



Anthony J. Scuderi, M.D., Chairman  
Committee on MRI Accreditation

## I. Phantom Image Evaluation

### LARGE PHANTOM

MRAP ID # 52216	Unit #: 01	Manufacturer: Siemens	Year: 2006
Evaluation Criterion			Evaluation
<b>Measured Phantom Results:</b>			
High Contrast Spatial Resolution			Adequate
Slice Thickness Accuracy			Adequate
Geometric Accuracy			Adequate
Low-Contrast Object Detectability			Adequate
Image Intensity Uniformity			Adequate
Percent signal ghosting			Adequate
Slice Position Accuracy			Adequate
Other Image Artifacts			Adequate
<b>Artifacts observed:</b>			
Excessive Ghosting			NO
Excessive Truncation Artifacts			NO
Aliasing Artifacts			NO
Geometric Distortion			NO
Reconstruction Artifacts			NO
RF Noise Leaks			NO
Quadrature Phase/DC Offset Artifacts			NO
Other (See comments below)			NO
<b>Other comments:</b>			