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Sleep Center at Memorial in Yakima Receives Program Accreditation

YAKIMA, WA – Sleep Center at Memorial in Yakima has achieved program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

A sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the AASM to receive a five year accreditation. The accreditation process involves detailed inspection of a center's facility and staff, including an evaluation of testing procedures, patient contacts, and physician training. Additionally, the facility's goals must be clearly stated and include plans for positively affecting the quality of medical care in the community it serves.

"Patients should have confidence that we are providing the highest quality care for those who suffer from sleep disorders," said Susan Rausch, MD, PhD, medical director for the Sleep Center at Memorial. "This achievement shows our staff is delivering an excellent level of care our community expects and deserves."

"The Sleep Center at Memorial is a significant resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value," said Dr. Nancy Collop, AASM president. "The American Academy of Sleep Medicine congratulates Sleep Center at Memorial on fulfilling the high standards required for receiving accreditation as a sleep disorders center."

The Sleep Center at Memorial is located at 406 South 30th Ave, Suite 206 in Yakima. Since opening in September 2004, the Sleep Center has conducted over 13,000 tests on more than 8000 patients.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine is a professional medical society for clinicians, researchers, and other health care providers in the field of sleep medicine. As the national accrediting body for sleep disorders centers and labs, the AASM is dedicated to setting standards and promoting excellence in sleep medicine health care, education and research.

For more information on the Sleep Center, visit our website at www.sleepcenteratmemorial.org.

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