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**GULF COAST MEDICAL CENTERS  
AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

**PORT RICHEY, Fla., April 22, 2008**– By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety, Gulf Coast Medical Center has earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval.

“Achieving accreditation demonstrates Gulf Coast Medical Center has voluntarily sought an independent evaluation of its compliance with state-of-the-art performance standards,” says Michael Kulczycki, executive director, Ambulatory Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission.

“Gulf Coast Medical Center’s accreditation achievement is a demonstration of the organization’s commitment to the community we serve,” says Lori Brienza, RN, Facilities Director. “We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as an organization-wide dedication to providing safe, patient-focused care, treatment and services. The community should be proud that Gulf Coast Medical Center is focusing on the most challenging goal—to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels in the medical office setting.”

Two Locations in Port Richey, Fla., the privately-owned GCMC is a leader in out-patient multi-specialty medical services. Serving the West Pasco area since 1984, the state-of-the-art, Joint Commission, ACR and COLA accredited facilities combine comfort with technology to offer patients an exceptional medical experience.

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