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### **Good News!**

#### **Gulf Coast Medical Center Recognized for Quality Laboratory Services**

**PORT RICHEY, Fla., January 6, 2015** - The Gulf Coast Medical Center has met all criteria for Laboratory Accreditation by COLA, a national healthcare accreditation organization. Accreditation is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey. Gulf Coast Medical Center has earned COLA accreditation as a result of a long-term commitment to provide quality service to its patients.

“We are driven in our pursuit for excellence in quality care of our patients,” stated Michelle Gates, MLT, ASCP, Laboratory Coordinator. “We continually train staff and maintain strict procedures within the lab, reducing errors. This provides us with the opportunity to maintain the highest standards to receive this acknowledgement.”

COLA is a nonprofit, physician-directed organization promoting quality and excellence in medicine and patient care through programs of voluntary education, achievement, and accreditation.

COLA is approved by the federal government and sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, and the American Osteopathic Association.

With two locations in Port Richey, Fla. and one in Spring Hill, Fla., privately-owned Gulf Coast Medical Center is a leader in out-patient multi-specialty medical services. Serving the West Pasco area since 1982, The Joint Commission, ACR and COLA accredited and NCQA recognized facilities combine comfort with technology to offer patients an exceptional medical experience.

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