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Memorial Medical Group of South Bend Receives AAAHC Accreditation

South Bend, IN – Three Memorial Medical Group practices have achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care as Office-Based Surgery Centers: Main Street Medical Group, Memorial Neighborhood Health Center – Southeast, and the E. Blair Warner Family Medicine Center. Accreditation distinguishes these surgical centers from many other outpatient surgical facilities by providing a safe work environment and the highest quality of care to its patients.

Status as an accredited organization means Memorial Medical Group has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care, set by the Accreditation Association.

More than 4,500 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by AAAHC. Not all ambulatory health care organizations seek accreditation; not all undergoing the on-site survey are granted accreditation. Dale Patterson, M.D., Medical Director of the Memorial Medical Group Office-Based Surgery Center, stated “We are proud to be accredited by AAAHC. This reaffirms our belief that we are providing excellent surgical care to our patients and ensures that we will continue to strive to meet these high standards in the future.”

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by the Accreditation Association’s expert surveyors – volunteer physicians, nurses, and administrators who are actively involved in ambulatory health care.

“Going through the process challenged us to find better ways to serve our office-based surgery patients, and it is a constant reminder that our responsibility is to our patients and the quality of care we provide,” said Mike Gordon, Executive Director.

AAAHC accreditation is specifically for organizations that provide diagnostic or medical care on an outpatient basis - where an overnight stay would not be required.

About Memorial Medical Group

Memorial Medical Group (MMG), a division of Memorial Health System, is the largest, most comprehensive medical group in the region providing quality, compassionate care to local families at every stage of life. Representing 23 medical specialties at more than 25 convenient locations, Memorial Medical Group offers some of the most advanced care in the region.

From prevention to diagnosis, treatment to laboratory services, and even convenient online scheduling and prescription refills, MMG primary care physicians and specialists offer a wide range of health care services.

About the AAAHC

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC/Accreditation Association), founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with more than 4,500 organizations accredited nationwide. The AAAHC accredits a variety of ambulatory health care organizations, including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery centers, endoscopy centers, college student health centers, military health care clinics, and large medical and dental practices. The Accreditation Association serves as an advocate for the provision of high-quality health care through the development of nationally recognized standards and through its survey and accreditation programs. AAAHC accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality by third-party payers, medical organizations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies and the public.

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