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**PROVIDENCE HEALTH'S PULMONARY REHAB PROGRAM OFFERS
MOST ADVANCED PRACTICES AVAILABLE, ACCORDING TO AACVPR**

COLUMBIA, SC – Providence Health is proud to announce its National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Certification from the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). According to statements by the AACVPR, certified programs are “leaders in the fields of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available.”

Cardiovascular and pulmonary rehab programs combine exercise, education, counseling, and support for patients and their families to help speed recovery and improve quality of life. Providence Health's Cardiac Rehab program has been certified by AACVPR since 2000. This certification of its sister Pulmonary Rehab program reiterates Providence's continued commitment to enhancing standards of care.

“We teach people how to honor their bodies with healthy life choices, and we use personal motivation combined with high level technology to encourage these choices by showing them real, traceable results,” says Virginia Ard, Senior Charge Nurse over the program.

“We are passionate about what we do, and that passion drives us to provide the highest quality program,” adds Monique Scott, Director of Respiratory Care & Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation.

Certification requires extensive documentation of the program's practices which is then reviewed for adherence to AACVPR standards and guidelines. Certification is valid for three years.

Providence Health's Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehab programs are located in the flagship hospital building downtown, 2435 Forest Dr, Columbia, SC 29204. For more information on the programs, call 803-256-5463.

About Providence Health: A part of LifePoint Health, Providence Health is the leading provider of cardiovascular and orthopedic services in the Midlands. Providence is composed of two hospitals, sixteen physician practices, a network of rehabilitation centers, two sleep centers, an imaging and diagnostics lab, a school of cardiac diagnostics and an accredited chest pain center. In total, Providence employs more

than 1,800 dedicated staff. Founded in 1938 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, Providence is known statewide for outstanding clinical quality and compassionate care. The Providence open heart surgery program has consistently ranked in the top 15 percent of open heart programs in the nation. Both orthopedics and cardiac services have received the South Carolina BlueCross BlueShield Blue Distinction Center designation. For more information, visit YourProvidenceHealth.com.

About AACVPR

Founded in 1985, the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to the mission of reducing morbidity, mortality and disability from cardiovascular and pulmonary disease through education, prevention, rehabilitation, research and disease management. Central to the core mission is improvement in quality of life for patients and their families.



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