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Neurology Associates, P.A. first in North Carolina to receive accreditation

Hickory, North Carolina – Neurology Associates is the first laboratory in North Carolina to receive Laboratory Accreditation status from the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). Robert Yapundich, MD, certified by the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine (ABEM), is the laboratory's medical director.

“We are excited to be the first lab in North Carolina to receive AANEM Laboratory Accreditation status, explained Dr. Yapundich. We are committed to providing the best possible neurological care to our patients and this accreditation just strengthens our promise.”

The AANEM established laboratory accreditation criteria for electrodiagnostic (EDX) laboratories to ensure patients receive quality medical care in a safe environment. Laboratory accreditation provides patients, referral sources, and payers with a credible measure to differentiate the laboratory's quality of care. The accreditation standards evaluate the diagnostic services and clinical operations essential to providing quality patient care, which include:

- Clinical staff qualifications and continuing education
- Physical facilities
- EDX equipment
- Protocols for performing EDX studies
- Patient reports
- Policies for ensuring the health and safety of every patient

AANEM is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to the advancement of neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and electrodiagnostic medicine. For more information about AANEM, or to learn more about laboratory accreditation, visit www.aanem.org.

For a quarter of a century, Neurology Associates has been a leader in providing neurological healthcare for adult and pediatric patients throughout Western North Carolina. Our neurology clinics, located in Hickory, Taylorsville, Lincolnton and Denver, are comprised of five board certified Neurologists and three board certified Physician Assistants utilizing cutting edge technology to help patients reach optimal neurological health.