

W. O. MOSS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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**\*\*W. O. MOSS REGIONAL ANNOUNCES JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION\*\***

**LAKE CHARLES** - LSU Health System – Health Care Services Division - W. O. Moss Regional Medical Center –By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety, W.O. Moss Regional Medical Center has earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™.

“We sought accreditation for Moss because we want to demonstrate our commitment to patient’s safety and quality care,” says Dr. Patrick Robinson. “Joint Commission accreditation is another way for Moss and its employees to demonstrate to the community our dedication toward achieving excellence.”

The Joint Commission conducted an unannounced, on-site evaluation of Moss Regional on April 1, 2008. The accreditation award recognizes Moss Regional’s dedication to complying with the Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, The Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.