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## **RadSite Expanding On-Site Audit Program to Ensure Compliance with Quality Standards**

**Annapolis, MD, and Houston, TX | PRWeb | February 24, 2012**— RadSite™, a leading provider of certification and accreditation programs for imaging providers, has enhanced its quality-based mission by recently expanding its on-site audit program. In addition to the assessment criteria that are filled out by imaging providers as part of the application process, RadSite has ramped up its auditing to ensure compliance with RadSite Standards.

The enhanced on-site audit program is designed to assess how imaging personnel are implementing their quality practices and maintaining their imaging equipment. The audits also are designed to be an educational process that promotes best practices. RadSite also carries out desktop audits to validate its review of imaging practices.

RadSite audits ensure the policies cited on the RadSite assessment are carried out in day-to-day clinical practice. Auditors review the equipment, overall aspects of the site, and documentation requested in a pre-audit email. "The on-site audit process insures that facilities are meeting a high quality of patient care and allows the facilities to receive expert guidance in such areas as radiation safety, quality clinical practice, and imaging protocols," says Phillip W. Patton, PhD CHP DABR, RadSite's on-site audit coordinator and staff physicist.

In addition to the random on-site audits, RadSite also will audit imaging providers if they are deemed out of compliance with the RadSite Assessment or Accreditation Program Standards.

"RadSite offers a process that is both collaborative and educational; we encourage facilities to take advantage of the expertise these professionals bring and ask questions," says Garry Carneal, RadSite president & CEO. "With imaging becoming a more integral part of medical care—and the increased costs of advanced diagnostic and therapeutic interventions—RadSite is dedicated to ensuring that imaging systems are functioning properly to best meet the safety and medical needs of patients."

“RadSite was created as a solution to a problem in the health care industry,” says Cherrill Farnsworth, RadSite’s founder. “Our primary goal is to promote quality-based practices for imaging systems across the United States and its territories. To date, several of the audits have uncovered problems in how imaging providers are meeting RadSite’s Standards. In most cases, corrective action plans are put into place to get the imaging provider back on track. In a few cases, imaging providers have lost their RadSite certification.”

“Providers who are quality-certified are listed on RadSite’s website. The desktop and on-site audit process serves to ensure the integrity of the certification process,” says Junellen Neese, RadSite’s director of program development. Most recently, RadSite has audited facilities across the country, including Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, California, and South Carolina. On an annualized basis, RadSite visits hundreds of different imaging providers as part of its on-site audit review program.

For more information about RadSite’s audit program, visit [www.radsitequality.com](http://www.radsitequality.com) and click on the “Get Started” tab.

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Founded in 2005, RadSite’s mission is to promote quality-based practices for imaging systems across the United States and its territories. RadSite has reviewed over 60,000 imaging systems located at 23,000 imaging facilities across the United States. RadSite’s certification and accreditation programs help assess, track and report imaging trends in an effort to enhance imaging procedures and outcomes. RadSite also offers educational programs, publishes issue briefs, and underwrites research on a complimentary basis to raise awareness of patient safety issues and to promote best practices. The organization is governed by an independent board and committee system, which is open to a wide-range of volunteers to ensure transparency and accountability. RadSite is expanding its activities and resources to serve patients, providers, payers, government agencies, and other stakeholder groups. To learn more about RadSite, please contact us at (855) 440-6001 or [info@radsitequality.com](mailto:info@radsitequality.com).