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**Patients First Health Care Recognized for
Quality Laboratory Services**

Washington, MO, January 5, 2011 – Patients First Health Care has met all criteria for Laboratory Accreditation by COLA, a national healthcare accreditation organization. The Patients First laboratory is located on the company's Washington Campus at 901 Patients First Drive, Washington, MO.

Accreditation is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey. The emphasis on quality leads to reliable test results which are essential in assuring excellence in patient care.

Patients First Health Care has earned COLA accreditation as a result of a long-term commitment to provide quality service to all Patients First patients served by the company's 82 physicians.

COLA is a nonprofit, physician-directed organization promoting quality and excellence in medicine and patient care through programs of voluntary education, achievement, and accreditation.

COLA is approved by the federal government and sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, and the American Osteopathic Association.

Patients First Health Care is a multi-specialty physician group offering 82 physicians practicing in 20 specialties throughout 20 offices located in east central Missouri.