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TOURO RECEIVES AIUM ULTRASOUND PRACTICE ACCREDITATION

NEW ORLEANS – November 10, 2015- Touro Infirmary’s Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic is the first practice in New Orleans to be awarded Ultrasound Practice Accreditation by The Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Council of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine in the areas of Obstetric - First Trimester, Obstetric - Second Trimester, and Obstetric - Third Trimester.

Touro’s Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic achieved this recognition by meeting rigorous voluntary guidelines set by the diagnostic ultrasound profession. All facets of the practice were assessed, including:

- training and qualifications of physicians and sonographers
- ultrasound equipment maintenance
- documentation
- storage and record-keeping practices
- policies and procedures to protect patients and staff
- quality assurance methods
- thoroughness, technical quality and interpretation of the sonograms the practice performs

The Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic at Touro is a full-service perinatology clinic with specially trained and certified physicians and staff who monitor the health of mother and baby and to treat patients with high-risk pregnancies. The clinic provides tests and procedures for expecting mothers using state-of-the-art technologies and specialist nursing staff. Perinatology services include amniocentesis, genetic counseling, 3-D and high-imaging ultrasounds, non-stress testing, in utero blood transfusions and more.

“AIUM accreditation is a great accolade for Touro’s Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic,” said Paul DuTreil, M.D., Director of Maternal and Child Health at Touro Infirmary. “This achievement reflects our commitment to providing excellent care to expectant mothers and their babies, including those with high-risk pregnancies.”

About the AIUM

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine is a multidisciplinary medical association of more than 9,900 physicians, sonographers, and scientists dedicated to advancing the safe and effective use of ultrasound in medicine through professional and public education, research, development of guidelines, and accreditation. For more information, visit www.aium.org

About Touro Infirmary

For 163 years, Touro Infirmary has provided New Orleans residents from all walks of life with quality and compassionate care. Touro is a proud member of LCMC Health, a local, integrated, not-for-profit academic healthcare system including Children's Hospital, University Medical Center, West Jefferson Medical Center and a management agreement with the New Orleans East Hospital. The Family Birthing Center at Touro offers

a comprehensive, individualized approach to birth preparation, labor, delivery and postpartum care. In 2014, Touro delivered 3,349 babies, the second most deliveries for a single facility in Louisiana.

Touro's Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic is located in Touro's Buckman Building at 3434 Prytania Street, Suite 105. To learn more about the clinic, visit <http://www.touro.com/fbc-tests-immunizations> or call (504) 897-8213.

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