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PMC center accredited for new procedure

POCATELLO — Black and white images of tissue and splashes of red and blue appeared as blood moved through the veins of Portneuf Medical Center spokeswoman Brenda Stanley, Wednesday morning.



As with a typical ultrasound machine, PMC's Idaho Vein Center technical director Gregg Taylor applied gel to Stanley's leg to demonstrate what the staff does when investigating a patient's vein and arterial structures.

Gregg Taylor, the vascular technology director at the Idaho Vein Center, demonstrates a technique they use with ultrasound equipment to check the veins of a person for problems. Brenda Stanley is the patient being tested.

The center received accreditation from The International Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories, or ICAVL, about two months ago, according to Dr. Julio Vasquez.

Vasquez, the cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon, said the certification puts the vein center among the national's top vein centers.

“What it means is that after going through a very rigorous process, that took us several months and had several steps, finally, they have accredited us,” Vasquez said. “That means that we are providing high quality of care in this ultrasound vascular lab that is comparable to all the best facilities in the United States,”

He said the center provides outpatient care for arterial and veinal diseases.