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## **Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare's Center for Gait and Motion Analysis Becomes Nation's First Accredited Motion Laboratory**

July 1, 2009 (Saint Paul, Minn.) -- The Commission for Motion Laboratory Accreditation (CMLA) named Gillette's Center for Gait and Motion Analysis as the nation's first accredited motion analysis laboratory this spring.

A nonprofit organization, CMLA's mission is to improve clinical care for people who have motion disorders. The board of directors of the CMLA includes four at-large representatives and two members from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Physical Therapy Association and the Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society.

"This accreditation is a tremendous accomplishment for us," says Tom Novacheck, M.D., medical director for Gillette's Center for Gait and Motion Analysis. "The accreditation represents a standard of quality for facilities and we are proud that those who evaluated our application think our center embodies those standards."

Gillette's Center for Gait and Motion Analysis opened in 1987, and today, Gillette operates the business motion analysis laboratory in the country, seeing more than 600 people each year. The Center uses state-of-the-art computer technology to evaluate and develop effective treatments for movement problems.

### **About Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare**

Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs, such as cerebral palsy, complex orthopaedic conditions, craniofacial anomalies, neurological conditions, brain and spinal-cord injuries, spina bifida and juvenile arthritis. Gillette provides services to the community in St. Paul, Maple Grove, Burnsville, Minnetonka, Duluth and Willmar.

Since 1897, Gillette has been at the forefront of medical treatment, technology, education and research for children with disabilities. Gillette's mission is to help children, adults and their families improve their health, achieve greater well-being, and enjoy life. To learn more, visit [www.gillettechildrens.org](http://www.gillettechildrens.org).