

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Patient safety efforts recognized at member hospitals

Study lists 58 Amerinet facilities among nation's best

Patient safety – the reporting, analysis and prevention of medical errors that often lead to adverse healthcare events.

For many Amerinet member hospitals, patient safety goes beyond the basic definition listed above. This process has become a part of their culture, with their efforts resulting in improved outcomes for their patients and communities.

In April 2009, 58 Amerinet member hospitals were among the facilities honored as recipients of the 2009 Patient Safety Excellence Award from HealthGrades. A total of 242 hospitals from across the country were recognized by the independent healthcare ratings organization.

“We at Amerinet understand the significance of an enhanced level of patient safety and how we can contribute to improvements made at the bedside and throughout a healthcare facility,” said Todd C. Ebert, president and chief executive officer of Amerinet. “We are privileged to provide the resources that enable these and other hospitals to meet the unique needs of their communities. We congratulate the honorees for the patient safety standards they have achieved.”

HealthGrades analyzed patient safety among Medicare patients in all U.S. hospitals based on 15 indicators of patient safety. The study used patient safety indicators from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to identify patient safety incidence rates for each facility. In addition, a composite score was created to identify the best-performing, award-winning hospitals.

“Through our new program – Amerinet Quality Solutions – we work more closely with member facilities on the quality and patient safety elements of the care they deliver,” Ebert said. “We are committed to providing not only the highest quality products and services from our supplier partners but utilizing our quality and patient safety director and team of clinical specialists to help members achieve their quality and patient safety goals.”

The Amerinet member hospitals recognized for their patient safety include:

Southeast Alabama Medical Center – Dothan, Ala.
Verde Valley Medical Center – Cottonwood, Ariz.
Yavapai Regional Medical Center – West Prescott, Ariz.
Desert Valley Hospital – Victorville, Calif.
Eisenhower Medical Center – Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Danbury Hospital – Danbury, Conn.
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital – New London, Conn.
Middlesex Hospital – Middletown, Conn.
Florida Hospital - Orlando – Orlando, Fla.
Houston Medical Center – Warner Robins, Ga.
Northside Hospital – Atlanta
Alton Memorial Hospital – Alton, Ill.
Central DuPage Hospital – Winfield, Ill.
Elmhurst Memorial Hospital – Elmhurst, Ill.
Palos Community Hospital – Palos Heights, Ill.
Provena Covenant Medical Center – Urbana, Ill.
Provena St. Mary's Hospital – Kankakee, Ill.
Riverside Medical Center – Kankakee, Ill.
Rockford Memorial Hospital – Rockford, Ill.
The Community Hospital – Munster, Ind.
Terrebonne General Hospital – Houma, La.
Brigham and Women's Hospital – Boston
Cooley Dickinson Hospital – Northampton, Mass.
Massachusetts General Hospital – Boston
Newton-Wellesley Hospital – Newton, Mass.
North Shore Medical Center - Salem Hospital – Salem, Mass.
MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland – Midland, Mich.
Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center – Meridian, Miss.
Boone Hospital Center – Columbia, Mo.
Atrium Medical Center – Franklin, Ohio
Holzer Medical Center – Gallipolis, Ohio
Marietta Memorial Hospital – Marietta, Ohio
Salem Community Hospital – Salem, Ohio
The Toledo Hospital – Toledo, Ohio
St. Charles Medical Center – Bend – Bend, Ore.
Doylestown Hospital – Doylestown, Pa.
Ephrata Community Hospital – Ephrata, Pa.
Evangelical Community Hospital – Lewisburg, Pa.
Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre – Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Hamot Medical Center – Erie, Pa.
Indiana Regional Medical Center – Indiana, Pa.
Lancaster General Hospital – Lancaster, Pa.
Pennsylvania Hospital – Philadelphia

Pinnacle Health System – Harrisburg, Pa.
The Medical Center - Beaver – Beaver, Pa.
The Reading Hospital and Medical Center – Reading, Pa.
Uniontown Hospital – Uniontown, Pa.
Williamsport Hospital & Medical Center – Williamsport, Pa.
AnMed Health – Anderson, S.C.
McLeod Regional Medical Center – Florence, S.C.
Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center – Sioux Falls, S.D.
Winchester Medical Center – Winchester, Va.
Overlake Hospital Medical Center – Bellevue, Wash.
Providence Saint Peter Hospital – Olympia, Wash.
Bluefield Regional Medical Center – Bluefield, W.Va.
Monongalia County General Hospital – Morgantown, W.Va.
Bay Area Medical Center – Marinette, Wis.
Bellin Memorial Hospital – Green Bay, Wis.