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Twenty-five Minnesota hospitals earn latest round of patient safety awards

Program recognizes work to prevent falls, other common adverse health events

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Twenty-five Minnesota hospitals this month received a total of 31 awards recognizing their work to prevent the most prevalent types of adverse health events, such as accidental falls.

The Minnesota Hospital Association's Patient Safety Excellence Awards honor hospitals participating in at least one of the association's four safety campaigns. The campaigns target efforts at preventing: pressure ulcers, or bedsores; falls; wrong-site invasive procedures and foreign objects retained during labor and delivery.

To qualify, hospitals must have implemented at least 90 percent of a campaign's required safety measures, such as verifying that they are repositioning at-risk patients at least every two hours to prevent pressure ulcers.

This announcement marks the fourth round of winners in the 1-year-old recognition program.

The campaigns are called SAFE SKIN, SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SITE and SAFE COUNT, and their requirements are based on national and state best practices. The requirements are also founded on participating hospitals' sharing of information about adverse health events that occurred at their facilities.

To learn more, visit [MHA's Web site at www.mnhospitals.org](http://www.mnhospitals.org).

**Following are the winners of the April 2009 (issued June 2009)
Minnesota Hospital Association Patient Safety Excellence Awards**

Hospital	Awarded April 2009
Austin Medical Center — Mayo Health System	Safe from Falls
Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center, Marshall	Safe Skin
Bigfork Valley Hospital	Safe Site
Buffalo Hospital	Safe Site
Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Crosby	Safe Count, Safe from Falls, Safe Site
District One Hospital, Faribault	Safe Count
Fairmont Medical Center – Mayo Health System	Safe Site
Granite Falls Municipal Hospital & Manor	Safe Count
Kanabec Hospital, Mora	Safe Count
Mercy Hospital, Coon Rapids	Safe Site
MeritCare Thief River Falls Northwest Medical Center	Safe Site
North Country Regional Hospital, Bemidji	Safe Count
North Memorial Medical Center, Robbinsdale	Safe Site
Olmsted Medical Center, Rochester	Safe Count, Safe from Falls
Perham Memorial Hospital and Home	Safe Site
Queen of Peace Hospital, New Prague	Safe Site
Rice Memorial Hospital, Willmar	Safe Site
Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia	Safe Count
RiverView Health, Crookston	Safe Skin, Safe From Falls
Riverwood Healthcare Center, Aitkin	Safe Count, Safe From Falls
Sibley Medical Center	Safe Skin, Safe Site
St. Francis Healthcare Campus, Breckenridge	Safe Site
St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee	Safe Skin
St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls	Safe Count
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, Minneapolis	Safe Site

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