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Forty-six Minnesota hospitals earn new patient safety awards

Program recognizes superior efforts to prevent adverse health events

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Forty-six Minnesota hospitals have received a new award recognizing superior efforts to prevent the most prevalent types of adverse health events.

The Minnesota Hospital Association's inaugural Patient Safety Excellence Awards were distributed June 27. The program honors hospitals that are participating in at least one of the association's four safety campaigns and achieve at least 90 percent of a campaign's requirements.

"These awards set the bar very high," said MHA Patient Safety Vice President Tania Daniels. "Hospitals that qualify have achieved measurable and meaningful progress toward implementing best practices to drive down adverse health events, and we truly commend their outstanding efforts."

The initiatives work to prevent pressure ulcers, or bedsores ("SAFE SKIN"); patient falls ("SAFE from FALLS"); wrong-site invasive procedures ("SAFE SITE") and retained foreign objects in labor and delivery ("SAFE COUNT"). Improvement measures in the SAFE SKIN campaign, for example, call for repositioning patients at least every two hours to keep pressure ulcers from developing. Each campaign included thorough sets of improvement steps based on national and state best practices, and on information gleaned from hospitals sharing information about adverse health events that occurred at their facilities.

Eleven hospitals won two awards, and LifeCare Medical Center in Roseau took top honors for earning three accolades.

The next awards in the quarterly recognition program will be given in September. To learn more about the safety campaigns visit www.mnhospitals.org/index/tools-app/tool.390.

**Minnesota Hospital Association
Patient Safety Excellence Award Winners — Summer 2008**

Award	Hospital
SAFE SKIN	Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis
SAFE from FALLS	Albert Lea Medical Center – Mayo Health System
SAFE from FALLS	Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center
SAFE COUNT	Buffalo Hospital
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	Community Memorial Hospital, Winona
SAFE from FALLS	Cook Hospital & C&NC
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SITE	Douglas County Hospital, Alexandria
SAFE from FALLS	Fairmont Medical Center – Mayo Health System
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	Fairview Southdale Hospital, Edina
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	Glencoe Regional Health Services
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	Granite Falls Municipal Hospital & Manor
SAFE from FALLS	Hutchinson Area Health Care
SAFE from FALLS	Kanabec Hospital, Mora
SAFE SKIN, SAFE SITE	Lake Region Healthcare Corporation, Fergus Falls
SAFE SKIN	LakeWood Health Center, Baudette
SAFE SKIN	Lakewood Health System, Staples
SAFE SKIN, SAFE SITE, SAFE from FALLS	LifeCare Medical Center, Roseau
SAFE from FALLS	Long Prairie Memorial Hospital & Home
SAFE COUNT	Mercy Hospital, Coon Rapids
SAFE SKIN	Monticello-Big Lake Hospital
SAFE SITE	Murray County Medical Center, Slayton
SAFE from FALLS	New Ulm Medical Center
SAFE SKIN	North Country Health Services, Bemidji
SAFE SKIN	Northfield Hospital
SAFE SKIN	Olmsted Medical Center, Rochester
SAFE from FALLS	Owatonna Hospital
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, Minneapolis
SAFE from FALLS	Perham Memorial Hospital and Home
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	Queen of Peace Hospital, New Prague
SAFE SKIN	Redwood Area Hospital, Redwood Falls
SAFE from FALLS	Regina Medical Center, Hastings
SAFE SITE	Regions Hospital, St. Paul
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia

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Award	Hospital
SAFE SKIN	Sanford Jackson Medical Center
SAFE from FALLS	Shriners Hospitals for Children, Minneapolis
SAFE SKIN	St. Cloud Hospital
SAFE SKIN	St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls
SAFE from FALLS	St. Joseph's Area Health Services, Inc., Park Rapids
SAFE SKIN	St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SKIN	St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth
SAFE from FALLS	St. Mary's Innovis Health, Detroit Lakes
SAFE SKIN	St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth
SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SITE	Tri-County Hospital, Wadena
SAFE from FALLS	United Hospital, Inc., St. Paul
SAFE SKIN	University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, Minneapolis
SAFE from FALLS	Windom Area Hospital

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