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Thirty-one Minnesota hospitals win patient safety awards

Fifth round of winners named in ongoing program to prevent adverse health events

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Thirty-one Minnesota hospitals recently were named winners of the Minnesota Hospital Association's Patient Safety Excellence Awards.

The awards honor hospitals' efforts to prevent four types of adverse health events: pressure ulcers, or bedsores; falls; wrong-site invasive procedures and foreign objects retained during labor and delivery.

The hospital association's safety campaigns — SAFE SKIN, SAFE from FALLS, SAFE SITE and SAFE COUNT — are based on national and state best practices and on participating hospitals' sharing of information about adverse health events that occurred at their facilities. To qualify for an award, hospitals must implement at least 90 percent of each campaign's required measures, such as consistently verifying the procedure that is to be performed on any patient immediately before beginning every surgery.

Today's winners are the fifth round of honorees in the quarterly program that began in spring of 2008.

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

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**Minnesota Hospital Association Patient Safety Excellence Awards Winners
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Hospital	Award
Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis	SAFE SITE
Albert Lea Medical Center – Mayo Health System	SAFE SKIN
District One Hospital, Faribault	SAFE SITE
Fairview Ridges Hospital, Burnsville	SAFE SITE
Fairview Southdale Hospital, Edina	SAFE COUNT
Fairview University Medical Center – Mesabi, Hibbing	SAFE from FALLS
Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital, Grand Rapids	SAFE from FALLS
Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis	SAFE SKIN
Hutchinson Area Health Care	SAFE COUNT
Meeker Memorial Hospital, Litchfield	SAFE SITE, SAFE COUNT (two awards)
Mercy Hospital, Coon Rapids	SAFE SKIN
Mille Lacs Health System, Onamia	SAFE COUNT
New River Medical Center, Monticello	SAFE COUNT
New Ulm Medical Center	SAFE SITE
Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, Minneapolis	SAFE SITE
Pine Medical Center, Sandstone	SAFE from FALLS
Redwood Area Hospital, Redwood Falls	SAFE SITE
Regions Hospital, St. Paul	SAFE from FALLS
Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia	SAFE SITE
RiverView Health, Crookston	SAFE COUNT
Riverwood Healthcare Center, Aitkin	SAFE SKIN
Rochester Methodist Hospital	SAFE SKIN
Saint Marys Hospital, Rochester	SAFE SKIN
St. Francis Healthcare Campus, Breckenridge	SAFE from FALLS
St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee	SAFE SITE
St. Joseph’s Area Health Services, Inc., Park Rapids	SAFE COUNT
St. Joseph’s Medical Center, Brainerd	SAFE from FALLS
St. Michael’s Hospital & Nursing Home, Sauk Centre	SAFE SITE
Tyler Healthcare Center/Avera	SAFE SITE
United Hospital, St. Paul	SAFE SITE
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, Minneapolis	SAFE COUNT

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