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St. James Mercy Hospital Celebrates “Patient Safety Awareness” Week

March 9, 2012...Hornell, NY... St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) participated in the national Patient Safety Awareness Week held March 4-10. The goal of this event was to raise awareness of patient safety activities, and develop lasting partnerships among staff, patients, and the community. The 2012 campaign theme, “*Be Aware for Safe Care*”, is promoted by the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF).

SJMH celebrated the week with a number of special activities including daily safety tips and quizzes, as well as employee flu prevention recognition, and an “Improve our Patients’ Safety” contest.

The highlight was the selection of the best employee idea to improve SJMH’s patient safety. The winning idea was submitted by Jeanie Andrus, suggesting that hand rails be installed in the hallway from Registration to the Lab for patients in need of assistance. She won a “safety” basket filled with a carbon monoxide alarm, fire extinguisher, food thermometer, pot holders, emergency candles, first aid kit, and duct tape.

In the photo below, Patient Safety Awareness committee members sport mock hardhats designed for the week-long recognition.



Left-right: Shannon Work, Nancy Khork, Jeanie Andrus, Mary LaRowe, Pat Butray-Frey, Carrie Steffey, missing from photo, Peg Gelser-Webb