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St. James Mercy Hospital Joins NYS “Partnership for Patients”

March 26, 2012...Hornell, NY...St. James Mercy Hospital (SJM) has joined the New York State Partnership for Patients (NYSPFP), a statewide quality improvement initiative engaging over 170 hospitals in activities to improve quality and patient safety by reducing complications and avoidable readmissions.

“We are delighted to join the state partnership to reduce hospital-acquired conditions by 40% and preventable readmissions by 20% over the next two years,” said Mary E. LaRowe, SJM President and Chief Executive Officer. “This initiative speaks to our mission of providing the best quality care to meet the most urgent health care needs of our rural area.”

NYSPFP, a joint project of the Healthcare Association of New York State and Greater New York Hospital Association, is part of a national initiative – the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Partnership for Patients – which seeks to reduce hospital-acquired conditions and preventable readmissions. NYSPFP has invited key New York State health care stakeholders including regulators, consumers, clinicians, health insurers, hospital trustees, and others to contribute to NYSPFP's statewide success.

NYSPFP will build upon existing quality improvement programs at hospitals across the state, focusing on key clinical areas as well as hospital leadership and culture, to support New York State hospitals as they continually strive to provide safe, high-quality care and improve outcomes.

“We strive to continuously improve clinical care to our patients, residents and clients,” said Patricia Uldrich, SJM Chief Nursing Officer. “The Partnership for Patients at SJM will involve staff at all sites including clinical, administrative, and allied personnel.”

As the CMS Partnership for Patients Hospital Engagement Network for New York State, NYSPFP is responsible for providing participating hospitals with intensive technical assistance, training opportunities, educational programming, and establishing mechanisms to measure and evaluate hospital progress on key clinical and process measures.

For more information about the Partnership for Patients efforts at St. James Mercy Hospital contact Nancy Khork at (607) 324-8114/nkhork@sjmh.org, or visit www.nyspfp.org.

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