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## **SJMH Receives Joint Commission Accreditation for Another Three Years**

**November 4, 2015...Hornell, NY...** Officials from St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) have been notified by the Joint Commission that the hospital has earned accreditation as part of its three-year review cycle. The Joint Commission is a not-for-profit accrediting organization which surveys and accredits more than 21,000 hospitals and health systems across the U.S.

The accreditation came after a multi-day survey of SJMH. The Joint Commission survey team evaluated SJMH on national hospital standards in several areas, including environment of care, medication management, infection prevention and more. While on-site, the surveyors also looked at patient safety and quality data.

“Joint Commission accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to quality and patient safety,” said Jennifer Sullivan, president and CEO of SJMH. “The St. James Mercy team earned this accreditation by demonstrating our commitment to compassionate care. I’m proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish.”

Sullivan added this continued accreditation is another step on the way to changing health care in Hornell. “We’re doing everything we can to improve the care at SJMH, and this accreditation is the result of that hard work.”

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