



Lafayette General Surgical Hospital Receives Platinum Quality Award

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Lafayette General Surgical Hospital (LGSH) received the Platinum Level 2009 Louisiana Hospital Quality Award, presented by eQHealth Solutions, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana. The award was announced at the annual Louisiana Health Care Quality Summit hosted by eQHealth Solutions in Baton Rouge. With this award, Lafayette General Surgical Hospital has been recognized for improving the quality of health care given to their patients, and is one of 78 hospitals in the state to receive the 2009 Louisiana Hospital Quality Award.

The Hospital Quality Award honors Louisiana hospitals that successfully implement quality initiatives directed toward improving patient care in the hospital setting. The award recognizes those facilities that are actively engaged in improving care in several areas designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Staff members from Lafayette General Surgical Hospital have been working with quality improvement specialists from eQHealth Solutions to use proven, evidence-based practices to improve care for their patients.

"Hospital staff and physicians were educated on CMS-recommended practices," said Susan Woollen, RN, director of nursing. "Quality tracking and ongoing feedback on performance helped LGSH achieve the award."

"When we began these awards five years ago, we had several goals. The first was to recognize providers who had achieved measured improvements in patient care as determined by national standards," said Gary Curtis, CEO of eQHealth Solutions. "Then, by publicizing these results, our second goal was to create an environment that encouraged others to strive for this same recognition."

Curtis said that based on the increasing number of providers who are making these improvements, the ultimate goal of improved care is occurring. "One provider at a time, one patient encounter at a time, the quality of health care continues to improve throughout Louisiana," he added.

"The medical staff and the entire health care team of Lafayette General Surgical Hospital are dedicated to providing the very best in patient care and our efforts have been enhanced through our quality improvement partnerships with eQHealth Solutions. We are extremely proud to be a recipient of this distinguished award," said Woollen.

About Lafayette General Surgical Hospital

Lafayette General Surgical Hospital is a short-stay surgical hospital and medical office building that is part of a joint venture with Lafayette General Medical Center and local physicians. The 60,000 square foot facility comprised of a short-stay hospital, medical offices, and includes four operating rooms, ten short-stay beds, radiology, EKG and lab services.

To learn more, visit www.lgsh.us.