



Rapides Regional earns Platinum Award

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Rapides Regional Medical Center has received the Platinum Level 2009 Louisiana Hospital Quality Award from eQHealth Solutions.

This is the third year in a row that RRMC has received the Platinum Award from eQHealth Solutions, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana.

The award is designed to recognize short-term acute-care and critical-access hospitals of all sizes for their efforts and achievements in improving the quality of inpatient care.

It recognizes facilities that are actively engaged in improving care in one or more of the following areas: heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

Quality improvement efforts at Rapides Regional Medical Center are led by Jessie Futrell, RN, director of quality management.

"We use proven, evidence-based practices to assure that consistent medical care for all patients is carried out from time of arrival to time of discharge," said Dr. Babson Fresh, RRMC vice president of medical affairs. "We are realizing direct benefits as patient health improves and lives are saved."