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## **CHI St. Joseph's Health Recognized for Excellence in Patient Safety**

PARK RAPIDS, MN (December 12, 2016) – CHI St. Joseph's Health – Park Rapids has been recognized by the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) for superior performance in patient safety as part of its Hospital Engagement Network 2.0. The MHA Hospital Engagement Network 2.0 is working to reduce hospital-acquired conditions by 40 percent and readmissions by 20 percent.

St. Joseph's has committed resources to improve on 10 of the 10 focus areas, including adverse drug events; catheter-associated urinary tract infections; central-line-associated blood stream infections; injuries from falls and immobility; obstetrical adverse events, including early elective deliveries; pressure ulcers; preventable readmissions; surgical site infections; venous thromboembolism; and ventilator-associated pneumonia. It was among 16 hospitals recognized by MHA for demonstrating high performance on six or more hospital acquired conditions.

CHI St. Joseph's Health Park Rapids is helping to further strengthen patient safety in Minnesota and contributing to the state's well-deserved reputation for high-quality health care," said Lawrence Massa, MHA president and CEO.

"The organization has established a framework with clear commitment to the performance improvement process in order to further the evidenced based, best practice protocols developed by the Minnesota Hospital Association. Commitment to providing safe patient care starts at the bedside and is supported by all staff and all leaders at St. Joseph's," said Chris Broeker, RN Director of Quality.

"Our providers and staff are dedicated and engaged in ensuring excellence in safety and quality care to all patients entrusted to us," said Ben Koppelman, President, CHI St. Joseph's Health. "We are honored to receive recognition for our efforts."

For more information about Minnesota hospitals' patient safety initiatives, go to [www.mnhospitals.org/patient-safety](http://www.mnhospitals.org/patient-safety).

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## Cutline

Pictured from left are CHI St. Joseph's Health MHA Patient Safety Leads: Becky Bentley, Perioperative Services Director; Chris Broeker, Director of Quality; and Deb Haagenson, Vice President of Patient Care. Not pictured are: Crystal Frette, Med Surg-OB Director; Brenda Huwe, ER Director; Scott Kosel, Pharmacy Director; Kirsten Thorstad, RN-House Supervisor; Rhonda Eckert, RN-Patient Care Coordinator; and Wendy Gullicksrud, Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator.

## About CHI St. Joseph's Health

*CHI St. Joseph's Health is a 25-bed critical access hospital serving communities in Hubbard, Becker, Cass and Wadena Counties since 1946. In recent years, CHI St. Joseph's Health's award-winning teams received several national honors including: The Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in surgery; Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, HealthStrong; WomenCertified's America's Best Hospitals Women's Choice Award in obstetrics; and the Studer Group Fire Starter Healthcare Organization of the Month among other national, regional and state recognitions.*

## About CHI

*Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest health systems, was formed in 1996 to strengthen the Catholic health ministry for the future. With deep roots in the tradition of expressing Christ's love by caring for those in need, Catholic Health Initiatives serves more than four million people each year through acute care hospitals; long-term care, assisted and residential-living facilities; community-based health services; home care; research and development; and reference laboratory services.*

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