

Johnson Memorial Hospital



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JOHNSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AWARDED THREE YEAR ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

(Stafford Springs, Conn - April 28, 2016) Johnson Memorial Hospital today announced that it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for [Hospital Accreditation](#) by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

Johnson Memorial Hospital underwent a rigorous, unannounced on-site survey earlier this month. During the review, a team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated compliance with hospital standards related to several areas, including emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, and medication management. Surveyors also conducted on-site observations and interviews.

"Johnson Memorial Hospital is pleased to receive this three-year accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," said Stuart E. Rosenberg, president, Johnson Memorial Hospital. "Staff from across the organization continues to develop and implement approaches to advance the quality of care for the patients in our community.

"Given our recent affiliation with Trinity Health - New England and resolution of two previous bankruptcy filings, we could not be more proud to achieve this accreditation," Rosenberg added. "This reflects the hard work of all our colleagues in ensuring that Johnson continuously provides safe, high-quality care, treatment and services."

"Joint Commission accreditation provides hospitals with the processes needed to improve in a variety of areas from the enhancement of staff education to the improvement of daily business operations," said Mark G. Pelletier, RN, M.S., chief operating officer, Division of Accreditation and Certification Operations, The Joint Commission. "In addition, our accreditation helps hospitals enhance their risk management and risk reduction strategies. We commend Johnson Memorial Hospital for its efforts to become a quality improvement organization."

The Joint Commission has accredited hospitals for more than 60 years. More than 4,000 general, children's, long-term acute, psychiatric, rehabilitation and specialty

hospitals currently maintain accreditation from The Joint Commission, awarded for a three-year period. In addition, approximately 360 critical access hospitals maintain accreditation through a separate program.

The Joint Commission's hospital standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts, and patients. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help hospitals measure, assess and improve performance.

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The Joint Commission

Founded in 1951, [The Joint Commission](http://www.jointcommission.org) seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies nearly 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

About Johnson Memorial Hospital

Johnson Memorial Hospital, Johnson Health Care and Home & Community Health Services provide a continuum of health care services to those living and working in north central Connecticut and western Massachusetts. In 2016, Johnson Memorial Hospital became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. The 92-bed hospital has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut for 104 years.