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Prestigious Hospital and Healthsystem Association Bestows Award Upon St. Clair Hospital

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (May 19, 2010) — The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) has named St. Clair Hospital as a winner in HAP's 2010 Achievement Awards Program.

The hospital's winning entry in the annual awards program was entitled "*Improving Patient Safety Through Standardization of Anticoagulation Processes*" and was submitted by Amy Georgulis, Team Leader, and Clinical Specialist in the Pharmacy Department. M. Sabina Daroski, M.D. served as Physician Champion on the project.

Using Lean methods, a team re-designed processes related to dosing, ordering and administering anticoagulation, or blood thinning medications, and demonstrated a significant decrease in the likelihood of harm to patients receiving these medications. The team also introduced new patient education information so patients could learn how to take medication safely at home.

The HAP Achievement Awards Program is designed to showcase hospital and health system best practices in selected areas and receives entries from institutions throughout the commonwealth.

“The award reflects multidisciplinary team spirit, creativity, and focus on safe patient care delivery, which, of course, is so important,” said Lucy A. Shoupp, Administrative Vice President and Chief Quality Officer, St. Clair Hospital.

HAP officials said they will honor St. Clair for its winning entry at a formal recognition ceremony at the Hospital and will post the entries on HAP’s web site,

www.haponline.org.

About St. Clair Hospital

St. Clair Hospital is an independent, acute care facility that provides advanced, high quality health care to more than 300,000 residents of southwestern Pennsylvania. With 525 physicians and more than 2,000 employees, St. Clair is the largest employer in Pittsburgh’s South Hills.

Providing virtually every health care service that residents might need throughout their lives, the Hospital combines advanced technologies with exceptional medical expertise to ensure that the community’s health needs are met.

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