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Quincy Valley Medical Center wins 2011 Worker's Compensation Top Performer Award

The Washington State Hospital Association recognizes QVMC for achievements in Worker's Safety

Quincy, WA- Quincy Valley Medical Center (QVMC) received the Top Performer Award for 2011 from the Public Hospital District Workers Compensation Trust. The Trust is part of the Washington Hospital Workers Compensation Program, a subsidiary of the Washington State Hospital Association. The Top Performer Award is given every year to a member of the trust that has distinguished performance in workers compensation. The criteria for the Top Performer are based upon best practices for workers.



This year's award was announced at the Annual Washington State Hospital Association meeting on October 13, 2011 in Seattle. "We believe that this award is the result of the efforts we have demonstrated toward employee safety over the last two years," stated administrator Mehdi Merred. In the fall of 2009, Mehdi Merred clearly stated his intention to emphasize employee safety and to be proactive in prevention. "In 2010 we rewrote our Environment of Care Policies and Procedures, including our HICS Plan, and conducted three table top exercises. Under the direction of Kelly Robinson, our safe patient handling program became stronger and reached more employees in the facility. Throughout 2010 and 2011 we have been working very closely with our workers compensation representative to ensure we have safe protocols and practices for our employees. In addition, we offered several training programs to our employees such as proper ergonomics, fire response training courses and violence prevention in the workplace. Also, our safety committee has become a very active group in our facility, creating a safety squad to go throughout the facility looking for hazards and preventing dangerous situations. The safety of our patients and employees is a top priority at our medical center," stated Mr. Merred. "It is a significant achievement to be recognized for the focus we have put on employee safety over the last two years and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this effort."

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