



Press Release

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Title: **Portneuf Exceeds National Standards on Core Care Measures**

Portneuf Medical Center (PMC) announces the results of a year-long quality improvement initiative that places the hospital in an elite group of top-scoring health care organizations. **Core Measures data collected in four critical areas of patient care over the past twelve months show that PMC exceeds national scores in all areas.**

Acute Myocardial Infarction

PMC 98%

National Composite 96%

Community-acquired Pneumonia

PMC 97%

National composite 93%

Heart Failure

PMC 100%

National Composite 89%

Surgical Care

PMC 96%

National composite 90%

Portneuf is continually looking for ways to improve outcomes and has been **working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) since 2003 on national performance standards.** According to data collected over the last 12 months, PMC exceeds national scores in all CMS Core Measures.

Mandated by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the "Core Measure" initiative requires hospitals across the nation to collect and submit data on standardized, or core performance measures. Last year Dr. Gary Hart, PMC Vice President of Medical

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Affairs, challenged the Quality Management Department to achieve 95% compliance with the Core Measures. **Portneuf has exceeded that goal.**

“While the process is transparent to the patient, he or she can rest a lot more comfortably knowing several safety nets are in place making it much more difficult for mistakes to occur in the hospital,” states Jack Aman, RN, Core Measures Resource Nurse. “Core measures insure that the right thing happens at the right time while the patient is still in the hospital. The measures reflect best practices agreed upon by physicians, nurses, groups of national stature, and well researched literature detailing the correct way to take care of patients.”

The Core Measures project works to improve patient care, shorten stays and deliver savings to the patient and the government.

Note: The results in this press release will not be posted on the CMS website until the Spring of 2009. Submission of performance measures is also required by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Portneuf is accredited by JCAHO.

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