UNION HOSPITAL RECEIVES QUALITY-BASED ACCREDITATION FROM DNV HEALTHCARE

Union Hospital has achieved national accreditation from DNV Healthcare, the only hospital accreditation program approved by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that integrates the ISO 9001 Quality Management System with the Medicare Conditions of Participation. DNV's NIAHO^R accreditation program requires hospitals to evaluate the continuum of patient care throughout its facilities and take measured steps to improve when it is warranted.

The DNV program is more consistent with Union Hospital's long-term commitment to patient safety and total quality. This approach to hospital accreditation enables integration of ISO 9001 quality disciplines with clinical and financial processes

DNV hospital accreditation addresses the demands of today's hospitals dedicated to patient-centered care. As part of the accreditation process, DNV surveyors will visit Union Hospital annually instead of every three years. They monitor the hospital's adherence to patient safety criteria established by CMS, but also evaluate processes that impact patient care across various departments and facilities of the hospital.

DNV Accreditation is a holistic system. The survey is very thorough and collaborative. The DNV program helps hospitals find opportunities throughout the organization to improve every day. Accreditation is now looked upon as a strategic business tool and as a mechanism to empower staff.

Being accredited by DNV allows Union Hospital to receive reimbursement for its patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid. The DNV NIAHO^R accreditation program was authorized by CMS in 2008 and today DNV provides not only hospital accreditation but also Primary Stroke Center Certification. In 2013, Union Hospital met the standards for recommendation for ISO 9001:2008 Certification. Primary Stroke Center Certification will be pursued in 2014.

About DNV Healthcare

DNV Healthcare Inc. is based in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a part of Det Norske Veritas, a global independent foundation dedicated to safeguarding life, property and the environment. For more information about DNV Healthcare and its NIAHO^R hospital accreditation program, visit http://www.dnvaccreditation.com.