



Harnett Health System

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Harnett Health System

(Betsy Johnson Hospital, Angier Medical Services, Benson Rehab/Wellness and Premiere Pediatrics)

Awarded Accreditation From The Joint Commission

Dunn, N.C. (June 24, 2010) – By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety, Harnett Health System has earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™.

“This accreditation is a result of our commitment to provide quality clinical and safe care to our patients,” says Ken Bryan, president and CEO of Harnett Health. “Our team works extremely hard each and every day demonstrating their dedication to continuous improvement and meeting defined national standards.”

“Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization’s performance and the outcomes of care,” says Mark Pelletier, R.N., M.S, executive director, Hospital Programs, Accreditation and Certification Services, The Joint Commission. “The community should be proud that Harnett Health is focusing on the most challenging goal—to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels.”

The Joint Commission conducted an unannounced, on-site evaluation of Harnett Health System, including Betsy Johnson Hospital, Angier Medical Services, Benson Rehab/Wellness and Premiere Pediatrics; on February 17th, 18th and 19th. The accreditation award recognizes Harnett Health’s dedication to complying with the Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, The Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

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About Harnett Health

Harnett Health System is a private, not-for-profit health care organization based in Dunn, N.C. The system encompasses a network of health care facilities throughout Harnett County and Johnston, including a 101-bed full-service hospital in Dunn, out-patient rehab/wellness center in Benson, a family practice physician practice in Angier and a pediatric physician practice in Dunn. Serving patients since 1940, the hospital has over 100 affiliated physicians and over 759 employees. For more information, visit our website at www.harnetthealth.org.

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