

Greater Southeast Community Hospital Announces Plans For Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation

Washington, D.C. (January 2, 2008) - Greater Southeast Community Hospital (GSCH) in Washington, D.C., plans to pursue accreditation by The Joint Commission (TJC). The hospital, which was acquired by Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC (SHA) in November 2007, is implementing a hospital-wide program to improve community hospital services and expand healthcare opportunities in southeast Washington, D.C.

“Senior management of GSCH will implement revised processes and systems, upgrade life-safety programs, and expect to be compliant with TJC regulations by June of this year,” announced Greater Southeast Community Hospital CEO Gary Rowe.

In the first month of operation under new management, many previously existing deficiencies were identified and rectified, and the hospital has implemented a framework of Joint Commission recommended processes and systems that should assist in TJC accreditation of the hospital

In addition to a massive injection of capital equipment, building maintenance, and infusion of capital resources from both SHA and the District of Columbia, the hospital management team, under the direction of Mary Ellen Esser, R.N., Director of Quality Improvement, has a work plan to meet and comply with all regulatory and compliance standards throughout the hospital.

“We are restructuring our organization to build a leadership team that is knowledgeable in all areas of hospital operations,” said Rowe, adding, “The hospital is committed to investing in the capital equipment that is necessary provide optimal medical outcomes in all areas of clinical service that we offer.”

Rowe is confident that GSCH will be prepared for the rigors of The Joint Commission inspection that will take place within six months of the hospital’s application for accreditation. The unannounced inspection will deliver an assessment of the hospital covering widely used measures of hospital quality.

“When SHA purchased GSCH, they were fully aware that the hospital facilities and operational processes were in disarray,” explained Rowe, “SHA was prepared to take on the challenge of applying for accreditation by taking remedial actions from day one; and we look

forward to earning The Joint Commission accreditation with a newly renovated and re-energized Greater Southeast Community Hospital.”

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About Specialty Hospitals of America:

SHA which is headquartered in Portsmouth, N.H., acquired The Specialty Hospital of Washington-Capitol Hill (700 Constitution Avenue, NE) in November 2005 and The Specialty Hospital of Washington–Hadley (4601 M.L. King Avenue, SE) in November 2006. Collectively referred to as The Specialty Hospital of Washington, it is largest provider of long term critical care services in Washington, D.C., and each hospital location also houses a skilled nursing facility (SNF). Additional information is available at www.specialtyhospitalofwashington.com. On November 7, 2007, SHA acquired Greater Southeast Community Hospital in a transaction that included financial consideration from the city government in recognition of SHA’s commitment to achieve an aggressive series of operational mileposts.

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