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STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES NEW QUALITY-BASED ACCREDITATION FROM DNV GL

ATTLEBORO, MA, November 5, 2015 – Sturdy Memorial Hospital announces the successful completion of its new accreditation process from DNV GL - Healthcare. By earning accreditation, Sturdy has demonstrated it meets or exceeds patient safety standards set forth by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). DNV GL's accreditation program is the only one to integrate the ISO 9001 Quality Management System with the Medicare Conditions of Participation. Sturdy is only the third hospital in Massachusetts to receive this accreditation.

“The DNV GL program is consistent with our long-term commitment to quality and patient safety,” says Bruce Auerbach, MD, President and CEO of Sturdy Memorial. “The ability to integrate ISO 9001 quality standards with our clinical and financial processes is a major step forward.”

DNV GL - Healthcare CEO Patrick Horine says, “We have taken an entirely different approach to accreditation, and hospitals are really responding. Since accreditation is a must-have credential for just about every hospital in this country, why not make it more valuable, and get more out of it? That's where ISO 9001 comes into play, and turns the typical get-your-ticket-punched accreditation exercise into a quality transformation.”

DNV GL's accreditation program, called NIAHO® (National Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), involves annual hospital surveys – instead of every three years – and encourages hospitals to openly share information across departments and to discover improvements in clinical workflows and safety protocols.

Sturdy is committed to continued improvement and underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey in September 2015 by a team of DNV GL expert surveyors to determine compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, safety, leadership, and medication management.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts. For more information about Sturdy or its accreditations, please visit www.sturdymemorial.org.

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Within healthcare, we help our customers achieve excellence by improving quality and patient safety through hospital accreditation, managing infection risk, management system certification and training.

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