



## Lafayette University Medical Center Receives Louisiana Hospital Capstone Quality Award

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Lafayette - University Medical Center (UMC), in Lafayette, La., received the 2010 Louisiana Hospital Capstone Quality Award, presented by eQHealth Solutions, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana.



UMC is one of only 38 hospitals in Louisiana to receive this award, which recognizes UMC for achieving certain improvements in the quality of healthcare it gives to its patients. "We use proven, evidence-based practices to ensure that our patients receive consistent, quality health-care in all circumstances," said Larry Dorsey, UMC hospital administrator. "The award is recognition of our dedication to our patients and to our pursuit in improving our healthcare services."

Aligned with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services inpatient quality initiatives, the Louisiana Hospital Capstone Quality Awards recognize hospital achievement in appropriate care for patients with diagnoses of acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, community acquired pneumonia, and improvements in care related to measures outlined in the Surgical Care Improvement Project.

CMS has designated the clinical measure sets for the awards as national healthcare priorities. Quality improvement teams at UMC use evidence-based practices to improve care for their patients.

Previously titled the Louisiana Hospital Quality Awards, the Louisiana Hospital Capstone Quality Awards were announced at the 2011 Louisiana Medicare Quality Summit, hosted by eQHealth Solutions, in Baton Rouge.

"Health care providers in Louisiana have committed to reducing the rates of infections, pressure ulcers, surgical injuries, unnecessary hospital readmissions and many other key measures of health care quality," said Gary Curtis, CEO of eQHealth Solutions. "At our annual Medicare Quality Summit, eQHealth is proud to recognize the providers and facilities that are making health better for the people and communities they serve."

The Health Care Services Division of LSU Health is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 37,000 inpatient admissions, 191,000 inpatient days, 576,000 outpatient clinic visits, 1,068,000 outpatient encounters, and 269,000 emergency department visits. Each year more than 1200 residents and fellows from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 3,200 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU HCSD facilities.