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Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Receives National Safety Award

CHARLEVOIX, MI – Healthgrades, a company that provides comprehensive information about over 3 million U.S. physicians, hospitals and health care providers, has named Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital as a recipient of its national Patient Safety Excellence Award.

The prestigious award highlights not only the hospital's emphasis on patient safety, but the dedicated staff that deliver safe, quality care day in and day out. Healthgrades has awarded only 13 hospitals in the entire state of Michigan with this important award, representing the top 10% in the nation for patient safety.

The annual awards highlight U.S. facilities that have outstanding patient safety records measured by how well a hospital prevents injuries, infections and other serious conditions and is based on 14 serious, potentially preventable complications for patients during hospital stays.

"We are honored to receive this important award which recognizes our commitment to providing the safest, most effective care possible for our patients," said Lyn Jenks, president of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. "This includes careful attention to medication use, infection control, surgery, anesthesia, transfusions, staff competence, fire safety, medical equipment, emergency management and security. The safety of our patients and staff is always at the forefront of our care."

Bernadette Cole, Chief Nursing Officer of the hospital, agrees. "When you enter our hospital you can be assured that we are doing everything possible to provide you with a clean, safe environment. Whether it is a campaign to remind staff and visitors of the importance of hand washing or practicing drills and exercises to prepare for natural or man-made catastrophes, we are continually honing our skills and putting in place the proper plans and responses."

About Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is a 25-bed, critical access hospital located in Charlevoix, Michigan. Part of the Munson Healthcare system, the hospital was established in 1919 and serves

Charlevoix and northern Antrim County residents as well as thousands of vacationers each year. For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/charlevoixhospital.

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