



HOSPITAL NEWS: GMH

Fully Accredited for 3 Years



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“We will spend time and resources to make sure every patient who needs medical care gets the best care possible. When you enter GMH with a broken leg, or a heart attack, or on the brink of delivery, the hospital will be there for you.”

–Governor Eddie Baza Calvo

“GMH is working hard to get patients a bigger and better ER, and cleaner and more reliable facilities for maternity, intensive care, surgery, and more. Accreditation speaks to this commitment. We’ve come a long way; but we have much more to do.”

–Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio

GMH Gets High Marks for Medical Care & Safety

The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) earned another full three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission. The Commission inspected GMH in April and believes the hospital meets required rules on medical care and patient safety. These include:

- Improving the accuracy of patient identification
- Improving the effectiveness of communication among caregivers
- Improving the safety of using medications; and
- Reducing the risk of healthcare-associated infections

“In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, GMHA has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients,” says Mark Pelletier, R.N., M.S., executive director, Hospital Programs, Accreditation and Certification Services, The Joint Commission. “Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves.

JC Inspects GMH in April

In April 2013, GMHA underwent a rigorous, unannounced, on-site survey from a team of Joint Commission expert surveyors. During the visit, they evaluated GMHA for compliance with standards of care specific to patient needs, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management. The hospital was recently notified that The Joint Commission granted full Accreditation to the hospital.