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**The Valley Hospital Earns 10 Gold Seals of Approval for Patient Care**

The Valley Hospital is pleased to announce that it has earned an impressive 10 Gold Seals of Approval for healthcare quality from the Joint Commission, placing it among an elite group of hospitals to achieve this number of Disease-Specific Certifications.

Valley holds Joint Commission Disease-Specific Care Certification for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, knee replacement, hip replacement, stroke, colorectal cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer and prostate cancer. To earn this distinction, Valley underwent an extensive, on-site evaluation by a team of Joint Commission reviewers. The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

Earning certification in 10 clinical areas places Valley among the top tier of hospitals in the country for this Joint Commission recognition.

“These recognitions are reflective of the quality and clinical excellence found in these programs,” said Audrey Meyers, President and CEO. “In addition, they are indicative of the overall emphasis on high-quality patient care and service that have come to be the hallmark of The Valley Hospital.”

The Joint Commission launched its Disease-Specific Care Certification program in 2002. According to the Joint Commission, it is the first program of its kind in the country to certify disease management programs.