

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Sturgis Hospital Receives Governor's Award**

[*Sturgis, MI -- Sept. 20, 2007*] — Sturgis Hospital has received MPRO's, 2006 Governor's Award for Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Hospital Setting. Sturgis Hospital received the accolade for its bed-side medication verification program.

- Systems Improvement – Health Information Technology (HIT) Award (Bar Coding – Bedside Medication Verification)

“Award recipients are committed to providing Michigan citizens with high quality health care,” said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. Award criterion aligns with improving care in a number of clinical areas. Sturgis Hospital chose from pre-selected clinical areas. These clinical areas are designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Sturgis Hospital established a multidisciplinary team, led by Cindy Mireley, Clinical Analyst, to spearhead improvement measures using proven, evidence-based practices. “Together, our staff is demonstrating that we are providing the very best in medical treatment and care — the right care, each and every time. Our efforts have been enhanced through our collaborations with MPRO, Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization,” says Shari Ransberger, Quality Assurance Director.

The Governor's Award has been enthusiastically supported by a variety of Michigan organizations and professional associations including the; American Lung Association of Michigan; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Ford Motor Company; General Motors; Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society-Michigan; Michigan Critical Access Hospitals Quality Network; Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants; Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality; Michigan Association of Health Plans; Michigan Center for Rural Health; Michigan College of Emergency Physicians; Michigan Health and & Safety Coalition; Michigan Health Council; Michigan Health Information Management Association; Michigan Infectious Disease Society; Michigan Nurses Association; Michigan Osteopathic Association; Michigan Pharmacists Association; Michigan Rural Health Association; Michigan Society for Infection Control; Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists; Michigan Thoracic Society; Michigan State Medical Society; and the Upper Peninsula Telehealth Network of Michigan.

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MPRO and the Governor honored Sturgis Hospital at an award ceremony on September 10, 2007, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan. For further information on the award, go to [www.sturgishospital.com](http://www.sturgishospital.com)

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