



# NEWS BRIEFS

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### WHA Calendar:

HFMA Meeting Laramie	11/18- 11/19
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### Other Events:

Labor, Health & Social Services Committee Buffalo	10/19- 10/20
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## Wyoming Hospitals Receive Quality Health Care Awards



Mountain-Pacific Quality Health has announced the winners of the 2015 Hospital Quality Awards.

The awards were presented to seven Wyoming hospitals during the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting and Convention in Casper earlier this month.

Each hospital showed commitment to providing high-quality patient care. All recipients had to reach six quality goals in order to receive an award. Mountain-Pacific celebrates these hospitals and looks forward to another year of excellence in Wyoming health care.

“Our hospitals take pride in providing high-quality care to their patients and we are proud to recognize their efforts,” said Pat Fritz, Mountain-Pacific Wyoming director. “We appreciate the dedication shown by hospital staff and leadership to continually improving health care in Wyoming.”

### Six hospitals received the Quality Achievement Award—the highest award possible

- ◆ Community Hospital, Torrington
- ◆ Iverson Memorial Hospital, Laramie
- ◆ Memorial Hospital of Converse County, Douglas
- ◆ Mountain View Regional Hospital, Casper
- ◆ Platte County Memorial Hospital, Wheatland
- ◆ Washakie Medical Center, Worland

### One hospital received the Commitment to Quality Award

- ◆ Evanston Regional Hospital, Evanston

All Wyoming hospitals are eligible for Hospital Quality Awards. Award-winning hospitals range from small rural hospitals to large urban hospitals. Mountain-Pacific will continue to work with Wyoming hospitals to help ensure that every patient receives the safest, highest-quality care possible.

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is committed to excellence in health care. MPQH partners with providers, practitioners, patients and other quality health advocates to share knowledge, tools and best practices to forge improvement in patient care.

MPQH has been serving health care communities across the state of Wyoming since 1984.

The goal is to make sure the best quality health care is provided to every patient at the right time, every time.





### WHA PAC Golf Tournament

The WHA PAC Golf Tournament was held September 1 with ten teams playing.

The 1st place team consisted of Eric Boley, Todd Gray, Rich Umbdenstock and Sandy Ward.

The 2nd place team was Ryan Smith, Dr. Doug Whiate, Alexander Lansing, MD and Chris Gould.

3rd place consisted of Neil Hilton, Rachel Quinn and Dayer Worrall.

- Hole Prizes:  
 Closest to the pin #4  
 Todd Gray  
 Longest Drive  
 Eric Boley  
 Closest to the pin #12  
 Terry Moss  
 Longest Putt  
 Ron Mischke

The amount of gratitude cannot be shown for the support of the donors, participants who helped with the tournament.



*Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight*



### WYhealth Awards Powell and Afton Hospitals

During the recent Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Conference, WYhealth recognized two Wyoming hospitals for their efforts in working with the Medicaid population in lowering emergency room utilization and readmission rates by working closely with WYhealth, which offers services to Medicaid-approved providers and facilities.

Powell Hospital was recognized for the lowest 30-day readmission rate for Wyoming Medicaid patients

during 2014. They had 117 Medicaid member admissions during 2014 with a 30-day rate of readmission of 0.85 percent. The average 30-day readmission rate amongst Wyoming hospitals was 7.09 percent.

Star Valley Medical Center was recognized as a top collaborator in the WYhealth Emergency Room Appropriate Care Site Initiative. Their collaboration started with friendly staff, use of new reports they developed, and the self-initiation of providing more

information than requested to ensure WYhealth was prepared to reach out to their ER visitors.

WYhealth, under contract with the Wyoming Department of Health, has been commissioned to identify ways to improve the health of Wyoming Medicaid members, while at the same time cutting costs. The goal of WYhealth is to improve appropriate utilization and clinical outcomes through multiple programs and services.

### Instructor Training Available for Violent Intruder

The Wyoming Department of Health and the ALICE Training Institute are offering ALICE Instructor Training on October 28 and 29 in Cheyenne.

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate and is a useful strategy for everyone: law enforcement, schools, universities, hos-

pitals, businesses and places of worship.

This two-day instructor course is designed to teach proactive survival strategies for violent intruder or active shooter incidents.

The ALICE program goal is to provide individuals with survival-enhancing options for those critical moments between when a

violent situation begins and when law enforcement arrives.

Training will be held at the Century Link Building, 6100 Yellowstone Road. The registration fee is \$595 per person. Early registration is encouraged and can be completed online at [www.alicetraining.com](http://www.alicetraining.com)

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