



Wyoming Hospital Association

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**WHA Annual Meeting & Convention
September 5-6, 2018
Laramie, WY**

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Wyoming Hospitals Receive Quality Health Care Awards

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 Wyoming Hospital Quality Awards. The awards were presented to seven Wyoming hospitals during the Wyoming Quality Health Care Conference on August 9, 2018 in Cheyenne.

Quality awards are given out each year to recognize Wyoming hospitals for their undying commitment to improving patient care. All recipients were required to reach six quality goals, including milestones in patient satisfaction, patient and family engagement and clinical care. Mountain-Pacific celebrates these hospitals and looks forward to another year of excellence in Wyoming health care.

“We are honored to recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of these hospitals in providing high quality, compassionate care

to their patients,” said Pat Fritz, Mountain-Pacific Wyoming director. “The staff and leadership at all of these hospitals has shown their continual commitment to improve health care in our state. We truly appreciate their dedication and hard work.”

Seven hospitals received the Quality Excellence Award:

- Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County, Rock Springs
- North Big Horn Hospital, Lovell
- Campbell County Health, Gillette
- Powell Valley Healthcare, Powell
- Washakie Medical Center, Worland
- Memorial Hospital of Converse County, Douglas

- Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital, Thermopolis

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 partner with Wyoming hospitals to help ensure that every patient receives the safest, highest quality of care possible.



Don't forget to register for the Wyoming Hospital Association/LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting & Convention

**September 4, 2018—WHA Golf Tournament
September 5-6, 2018**

UW Rochelle Center/Hilton Garden Inn

Laramie, Wyoming

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WHA Calendar

WHA Golf Tournament Laramie	9/4
WHA Annual Meeting & Convention Laramie	9/5-9/6

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**Annual Goal
\$8500**

CCMH Granted Area Trauma Hospital Designation



Campbell County Memorial Hospital (CCMH), a Campbell County Health (CCH) entity, has received designation as an Area Trauma Hospital by the Wyoming Trauma Program.

The Trauma Site Review was conducted April 18, 2018, and the designation was awarded for a three year period—up for review in 2021.

The goal of Wyoming's statewide trauma system is to reduce injury, disability and death for all ages. The trauma program is housed

in the Wyoming Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS).

An Area Trauma Hospital is an acute care facility with the commitment, medical staff, personnel and specialty training necessary to provide primary care for the trauma patient. An Area Trauma Hospital provides initial resuscitation of the trauma patient and immediate operative intervention to control hemorrhage. The Trauma Program has an established Trauma Team to respond to trauma patients and consists of: general and orthopedic sur-

gery, anesthesiology, surgery staff, emergency physicians, registered nurses, laboratory technicians, pre-hospital care providers (EMS), radiology technicians, respiratory therapists and social services/pastoral care.

The Area Trauma Hospital designation demonstrates the organization's commitment to quality patient care for the community and citizens of Wyoming.

In Wyoming, there are six designated Area Trauma Hospitals.

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

Comic Books for Kids

Today we are highlighting ComicBooks for Kids!, a non-profit organization that recognizes the value of normal moments for kids while in the hospital. ComicBooks for Kids! works directly with comic book publishers and retailers to donate new, child friendly, comic books to hospitals based on your needs and at no cost. You can choose the

quantity and age range based on the needs of your program. For those hospitals where infectious disease policies allow, they also will provide comic book paperbacks and graphic novels to allow you to build out a lending library of these materials.

Finally, they have started offering materials in non English to help those children where English is not their native language. The

current geography supported today is North America.

Every facility receives a customized shipment based on the needs and ages of your children. A customized cover letter is also included with every box. An explanation with pictures of what you will receive and how it is packed is documented on [https://](https://www.comicbooksforkids.org/shippingprocess)

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AHRQ Releases Opioid Management Toolkit

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released an online toolkit to help primary care practices improve care for patients taking opioids for chronic pain.

Called Six Building Blocks, the toolkit offers a structured team-based ap-

proach to improvement in six areas: leadership and consensus; policies, patient agreements and workflows; tracking and monitoring patient care; planned, patient-centered visits; caring for complex patients; and measuring success.

Most patients taking opioids for chronic pain are

managed by primary care providers and their staff.

The toolkit can be found at: <https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/prevention-chronic-care/improve/six-building-blocks.html>

