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HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland awarded Hospital Accreditation from The Joint Commission

HIGHLAND, Ill. — HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland has once again earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital underwent rigorous, unannounced onsite review during which a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with hospital standards spanning several areas including emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

"Joint Commission congratulates HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland for achieving accreditation by demonstrating its focus on delivering safe and effective care of the highest quality and value," says Ken Grubbs, DNP, MBA, RN, Executive Vice President of Accreditation and Certification Operations and Chief Nursing Officer, Joint Commission. "Through the accreditation process, we worked closely with St. Joseph's Hospital to enable and affirm the highest standards of healthcare quality and patient safety. Together, we are elevating care for all patients, and we appreciate St. Joseph's Hospital's collaboration throughout this process."

"HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland is proud to have earned accreditation once again from The Joint Commission," says Teresa Cornelius, Chief Administrative Officer, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland. "This accreditation reflects the commitment of our colleagues to providing safe, high-quality and compassionate care to our patients, and our shared mission to improve the health and well-being of our community."

For more information, please visit [The Joint Commission website](#). For more information about HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland, visit stjosephshighland.org.

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About HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland

[HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland](#) is part of Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), a nonprofit Catholic health care ministry founded in 1875. Dedicated to our Mission to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through high-quality Franciscan health care, HSHS clinicians provide exceptional care centered on the whole person. Based in Springfield, Illinois, HSHS colleagues provide care in 13 acute-care, children's and critical access hospitals and home health and hospice programs in Central and Southern Illinois and Eastern Wisconsin. HSHS is aligned with primary and specialty physicians and advanced practitioners through its owned affiliates [HSHS Medical Group](#) and [Prairie Cardiovascular](#), its partnership with [Prevea Health](#), and with many other providers serving on medical staffs. For more information about HSHS, visit [hshs.org](https://www.hshs.org).