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Southern New England Rehabilitation Center Receives 3 Year Accreditation

(Providence, Rhode Island) The Southern New England Rehabilitation Center (SNERC), Rhode Island's most comprehensive provider of inpatient rehabilitation services located at St. Joseph Hospital, has been re-accredited for three years by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

This accreditation, which will extend through January 2012, reflects that the Center's "services, personnel, and documentation clearly indicate as established pattern of practice excellence" according to CARF.

The CARF accreditation survey cited several particular areas of strength at SNERC, including:

- The Center's partnership of a physiatrist and an internist enables the organization to provide high quality, on-site care to an increasingly medically complex population.
- The Center's medical director, Jon Mukand, M.D. was commended for his commitment to advancing clinical practice. He is involved in cutting-edge research, education, advocacy, performance improvement, and practice. He is a recognized leader in the field and an invaluable asset to the organization and community served.
- The Center demonstrates a strong corporate commitment to charity care, and a clear dedication to the individual needs of each person served.
- The Center is very responsive to the learning needs and professional development goals of staff and provides ongoing opportunities for in-service and community-based educational activities.

The CARF accreditation notification concludes "Southern New England Rehabilitation Center is a well-established organization that demonstrates a strong, continuing commitment to the provision of person-centered care and conformance to the CARF standards. It is evident that the organization provides quality rehabilitation services and is held in very high regard by the persons and community it serves"

John M. Fogarty, president & CEO of St. Joseph Health Services, stated "We are gratified at the very positive findings by CARF and the achievement of a three-year re-accreditation. This award affirms our role as the leading provider of high quality rehabilitation services for the people of Rhode Island and southern New England".

A joint venture of St. Joseph Health Services and Rhode Island Hospital, the Center operates 29 beds and features a number of highly specialized rehabilitation programs, including neuro-rehabilitation for patients recovering from stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and orthopedic conditions such as hip fractures and joint replacements, and multiple trauma. In addition, the Center offers a unique therapeutic environment, Easy Street, which recreates a city street in a safe environment to help patients reacquire everyday life skills.

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