

Hospital Happenings
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**MMH Medical Education Program
Receives Accreditation with Commendation**

It is always my pleasure to talk about the wonderful physicians that we have at Montrose Memorial Hospital. The depth and breadth of our medical staff is phenomenal for a hospital this size. Our physician recruitment program is very successful and one of the reasons that doctors are interested in joining MMH is because of our excellent Continuing Medical Education (CME) program.

Our CME program must be surveyed and accredited by the Colorado Medical Society Committee on professional Education and Accreditation on a regular basis. Their responsibility is to see that the established standards for accreditation are observed by participating organizations. MMH's program was recently re-surveyed and awarded top honors of *Accreditation with Commendation* for a period of six years! We are the ONLY program in Colorado that has ever been awarded a six year accreditation.

Montrose Memorial Hospital's CME program was first accredited in 1978 and holds the distinction of being the first program accredited in the State of Colorado. Over 100 hours of instruction was provided for physicians in 2007 which includes formal lectures from a variety of medical specialists, case presentation conferences and videoconferencing with other institutions. During their Doctor's Day celebration, the medical staff enjoyed a lively game of "Medical Jeopardy" hosted by Dr. Charles Manak, Director of Medical Education. Dr. Manak oversees the development of CME programs along with Julie Disher and Nancy Abel, with input from the hospital's Continuing Medical Education Committee and the Fall Clinics Committee.

Here are some comments regarding MMH's CME program from some of our new physicians. Dr. Charles Harper, Otolaryngologist (ears, nose and throat) physician said: "I feel that the continuing medical education program offered by MMH is the best I've ever seen." "Physicians here are a lot more academic than some of their big city counterparts. They take continuing education seriously here and provide a great level of dedicated, very personal care" states Randall Raziano, Radiologist. MMH is one of only a few hospitals in the state of Colorado that require our physicians to complete a minimum of 100 hours of CME every two years.

We congratulate the physicians on their standards and achievements of excellence.