

For trauma care

LHC receives quality improvement award

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Livingston HealthCare has received a Performance Improvement Network award for improvements in trauma care from the Montana Rural Health Care Performance Improvement Network, known as PIN.

PIN assists member facilities in their efforts to achieve compliance with quality assurance regulations and also supports a multitude of other quality improvement efforts, according to an LHC news release.

LHC participated in a PIN clinical improvement study in Trauma Care in which the organization demonstrated improvement in several performance measures.

In 2008 and 2009, the hospital worked with Livingston Fire and Rescue to improve prehospital care for trauma

patients, and the hospital emergency department made several improvements in documentation of patient care and treatment.

"Participating in the PIN gives our staff the opportunity to share best practices with other hospitals from around the state," said Sam Pleshar, Livingston HealthCare CEO. "As a result, projects like this one improve the care we provide to our community."

All 48 of Montana's Critical Access Hospitals are voluntary participants in PIN. In addition to quality improvement efforts, PIN currently supports a variety of other projects designed to strengthen the infrastructure of Montana's small rural Critical Access Hospitals.

For more information about PIN, visit www.mtpin.org.