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Livingston Memorial Hospital Wins State Quality Award

Livingston Memorial Hospital received the 2008 Mountain-Pacific Quality Achievement Award on September 25 in Billings. Livingston HealthCare's CEO Sam Pleshar and Patient Services Director Marsha Vanderhoff accepted the award, which is the highest honor given to hospitals by Mountain-Pacific. The ceremony took place during the annual conference of MHA, Montana's trade association representing hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies.

Montana hospitals that compete for the award must demonstrate excellent care in the treatment of heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and in protecting surgical patients from infection. Care is judged by consistent use of up-to-date and professionally recognized best practices or treatments. Mountain-Pacific board member Dr. Bob Wilmouth, who presented the award, noted that Livingston Memorial Hospital was also being recognized for the strong leadership that supports hospital staff in making changes and creating systems where best care becomes routine.

"We're extremely proud of this award," said Pleshar. "It's the highest award given by Mountain-Pacific and it recognizes our staff for the excellent work they do. We're also glad to have this opportunity to tell our community about our commitment to continuous quality improvement and the best care possible for our patients." This is the third time that Livingston Memorial has received the award.

Livingston Memorial Hospital is one of only seven Montana facilities to receive the Quality Achievement Award, the higher of two hospital awards given annually to hospitals in Montana.

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