



**Kentucky  
Hospital  
Association**

*Representing Kentucky Health Care Organizations*

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**KENTUCKY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS QUALITY AWARDS**

LOUISVILLE, KY – (May 31, 2011) The Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) held its yearly Awards Gala on May 9, at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual KHA Convention in Lexington. Four hospitals were presented with KHA Quality Awards. This award is presented to honor hospital leadership and innovation in quality, safety and commitment in patient care.

This year's recipients were Saint Joseph Martin, for the critical access hospital category (acute care hospitals with 25 beds or less); Rockcastle Hospital in Mount Vernon, for hospitals with less than 100 beds; Frankfort Regional Medical Center, in the 100 to 250-bed category; and Norton Healthcare in Louisville, for hospitals with more than 250 beds. These four hospitals demonstrated not only a dedication to patient safety, but their persistence to going above and beyond what is expected for providing quality care.

The goals of this award are to:

- Raise awareness of the need for an organization-wide commitment to highly reliable, exceptional quality, patient-centered care

- Reward successful efforts to develop and promote improvements in quality of care
- Inspire organizations to systematically integrate and align their quality improvement efforts throughout the organization
- Communicate successful programs and strategies to the hospital field
- Facilitate Kentucky hospitals' alignment of quality initiatives with national initiatives

**About the Kentucky Hospital Association:** KHA was established in 1929. The Association represents hospitals, related health care organizations and integrated health care systems dedicated to sustaining and improving the health status of the citizens of Kentucky. The Association is headquartered in Louisville.

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