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St. Charles...First Hospital on LI to Earn Both Inpatient and Outpatient CARF Accreditation for Rehab Program

St. Charles Hospital is the first rehabilitation facility on Long Island to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for both the inpatient rehabilitation program for adults, adolescents, and children, the inpatient rehabilitation stroke specialty program, and the outpatient rehabilitation program for adults, adolescents, and children.

Announcement of the accreditation was made by CARF on September 21. In making the announcement CARF President and CEO Brian J. Boon, Ph.D., noted that St. Charles Hospital met all standards and requirements. "This is an extraordinary accomplishment. St. Charles Hospital has undergone a rigorous survey and demonstrated that it meets international standards for quality and is committed to excellence in rehabilitation programs and services."

James O'Connor, executive vice president/CAO, said, "We are proud to be the first rehabilitation facility on Long Island to receive this accreditation for both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. It is a credit to our dedicated, multi-disciplinary rehab staff, all of whom provide the highest quality service to our patients."

In presenting the accreditation, CARF noted that St. Charles Hospital showed exemplary performance in meeting the requirements for accreditation, particularly in the areas of high patient satisfaction and optimum outcomes and the adaptive sports and community outreach program. The CARF accreditation team noted that this program demonstrates an extraordinary dedication to the advocacy and support for patients. CARF also cited the facility's strong medical director, Jennifer Semel, MD, and her involvement in every aspect of the comprehensive integrated rehabilitation and stroke specialty programs.

Founded in 1966, CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of human service providers in the areas of aging services, behavioral health, child and youth services, DMEPOS, employment and community services, medical rehabilitation, and opioid treatment programs. The CARF family of organizations currently accredits more than 5,000 providers at more than 18,000 locations in the United States, Canada, Western Europe, and South America. More than 6.5 million persons of all ages are served annually by CARF-accredited providers.

St. Charles is the premier center for rehabilitation on Long Island with more than 75 inpatient beds, a network of 9 outpatient rehabilitation facilities across Long Island, an extensive outpatient diagnostic and treatment specialty center and a deeply felt commitment to helping patients get their lives back. The high-skilled rehabilitation team includes a physiatrist, nurses, physical, occupational and recreational therapists, speech and language pathologists, neuropsychologists, respiratory therapists and social workers. The world's most advanced technology is utilized for optimum patient outcomes at St. Charles Rehabilitation.

For more information on rehabilitation services at St. Charles, please call (631) 474-6797.

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St. Charles Hospital is a 231-bed, not-for-profit hospital located in Port Jefferson,

New York. The hospital's centers of excellence include orthopedics, obstetrics and rehabilitation. In addition, St. Charles offers services in pediatrics, including Long Island's only pediatric inpatient traumatic brain injury program, neonatology, radiology, palliative care, neurosurgery, emergency medicine, diabetes, community re-entry, general medical and surgical services, video-EEG monitoring and a nationally certified Sleep Disorders Center. St. Charles Hospital is a member of Catholic Health Services of Long Island. For more information on St. Charles Hospital, please call (631) 474-6797.