



Transition to DNV for Accreditation

In October 2009, LMHS' Governing Body voted to obtain accreditation from **Det Norske Veritas for Health Care (DNVHC)** concurrently with our Joint Commission accreditation. In September 2008, DNVHC was approved as the first group in approximately 40 years to be an accreditation alternative to meet the survey requirement of Medicare's Conditions of Participation.

DNVHC is unique from TJC in several ways. One aspect is the integration of the Conditions of Participation regulations (NIAHO standards) with a quality management system (ISO-9001). Another feature requires annual surveys instead of a survey every three years. In addition, DNVHC will use the same survey team during the annual surveys to work with us on our continuum of improvement. These facets together will provide a thorough and consistent accreditation process.

LMHS may be surveyed by DNVHC as early as May 2010. Preparations for our initial DNVHC survey have begun including staff education and leadership training. We look forward to our Medical Staff's support through this transitional period.

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Thank you!