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VHH Holds Patient Safety Fair for Employees

(GLENDALE, CA – June 22, 2010) – Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) recently held a patient safety fair for its employees and medical staff covering all types of safety and prevention issues. The fair was offered to both day-shift and night shift-staff. Hospital employees made their way to the booths to learn about these important safety issues.

“Patient safety is everyone’s responsibility,” said Mark Lueken, Director of Quality and Risk Management at VHH. “The patient safety fair provides an awareness of how each department in the hospital plays a role in providing safe and high-quality care. Even if someone does not have a direct caregiver role, they are part of the solution to keeping our patients safe.”

Some of the topics presented included fire safety, safe lifting practices, infection control, medication reconciliation and fall prevention. Employees were given thorough explanations and demonstrations by each department’s director. Informational material was also provided so that staff could further learn about safety and prevention issues.

“The safety fair refreshed some of the new processes implemented in the organization,” explained Debra Brown, Clinical Director of Emergency Services/Critical Care Services at VHH. “Nurses reinforced some of their knowledge and practices. The fair also addressed many of the competencies that nurses have taken in the past.”

VHH will continue its efforts to educate employees on safe practices by holding a fire extinguisher training session later this month. The training session will be presented by the Glendale Fire Department on June 30.

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About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include Fast-Track emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is an independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for five consecutive years. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.

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