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Nevada State Health Division Announces Issuance of Trauma Designation to St. Rose Dominican Hospital

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division is announcing that St. Rose Dominican Hospital-Siena Campus has successfully met the criteria for designation as a Level III Center for the Treatment of Trauma.

“For the past 12 months, St. Rose Dominican Hospital has been working extremely hard to put in place the necessary infrastructure to be able to attain this designation. St. Rose Dominican Hospital has met all of the requirements in order to be issued the Level III designation,” said Alex Haartz, Administrator, Nevada State Health Division. “I am pleased that enhanced trauma treatment capacity and services are available for the residents and visitors of Clark County.”

The Nevada State Health Division’s Bureau of Licensure and Certification completed the verification process, not the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as with Level I and II trauma centers. The Level III designation is in effect until August 2007.

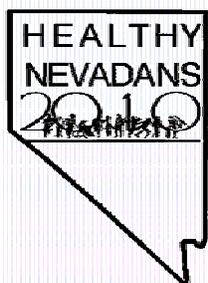
A Level III trauma center has the following:

- Continuous general surgical coverage.
- Capability to manage the initial care of the majority of injured patients and have transfer agreements with other trauma hospitals for patients that exceed its resources.
- Resuscitation team organized for the severely injured patient.
- General surgeon promptly available for all major resuscitations.
- Involvement with prevention and have an active outreach program for its referring communities.
- Education programs for nurses, physicians and allied health care workers involved with trauma.

Haartz added, “I am also grateful of Clark County Health District’s collaborative involvement with St. Rose Dominican and the other trauma hospitals in this process, specifically in managing the development of destination and transportation protocols.”

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