

Proud Recipient
of the
Joint Commission's
Gold Seal of Approval™
for Brain Injury



Becomes First Rehab Facility in Massachusetts to Achieve This Distinction

BRAINTREE, MA, April 21, 2010 – Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital's Brain Injury Program has earned the Gold Seal of Approval™ for health care quality. The Joint Commission awarded Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital Disease-Specific Care Certification for brain injury.

To earn this distinction, a disease management program undergoes an extensive, unannounced, on-site evaluation by a team of Joint Commission reviewers every two years. The program is evaluated against Joint Commission standards through an assessment of a program's processes, the program's ability to evaluate and improve care within its own organization, and interviews with patients and staff.

"This certification means Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital does the right things and does them well for brain injured patients," says Jean E. Range, M.S., R.N., C.P.H.Q., executive director, Disease-Specific Care Certification, Joint Commission.

"Braintree Rehab pursued this comprehensive, independent evaluation to enhance the safety and quality of care we provide," says Randy Doherty, CEO "We're proud to achieve this distinction."

The Joint Commission launched its Disease-Specific Care Certification program in 2002. It is the first program of its kind in the country to certify disease management programs. A list of programs certified by the Joint Commission is available at www.jointcommission.org.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about the Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.