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AHA CELEBRATES NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK 2014, MAY 11-17
Will host Twitter chat on improving quality care May 14

WASHINGTON (May 9, 2014) – The vital role that America’s hospitals play in improving community health is the centerpiece of this year’s National Hospital Week 2014, May 11 to 17. The American Hospital Association (AHA) is proud to recognize the women and men who serve in hospitals across the country.

This year’s theme, “Compassion, Innovation, Dedication: The Commitment Continues,” celebrates hospitals and those caregivers who remain steadfast in improving the health of their communities through heart-felt care, new methods and techniques and unwavering, unmatched devotion.

“National Hospital Week is our opportunity to thank all those who work in hospitals serving patients and communities – physicians, nurses, therapists, engineers, food services workers, volunteers, administrators and so many more,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “A community’s health depends on its hospital, and the extraordinary efforts of these individuals ensure that communities have access to care 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are prepared for both everyday emergencies and the unexpected.”

The AHA will host a Hospital Week Twitter chat on Wednesday, May 14 from 11:00 a.m. to noon EDT on the topic of how hospitals are improving quality care. Follow the conversation by using #HospitalWeek.

Additional information on National Hospital Week, including tips and ideas for honoring caregivers and promoting the week, are available at www.aha.org.

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