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St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center, Smithtown, New York, Earns Honorable Mention.

Roslyn, N.Y. March 13th, 2013 — Physicians Reciprocal Insurers (PRI) presented St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, L.I. its Risk Management and Patient Safety Best Practices Award for 2013. St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center of Smithtown, L.I. won Honorable Mention. PRI, New York’s second largest medical professional liability insurer, established the awards in 2011 to promote the knowledge and adoption of best practices to benefit the healthcare industry as a whole. The awards were made during a ceremony held at the company’s Roslyn, New York headquarters attended by medical professionals from many segments of the field.

According to Mr. Anthony J. Bonomo, CEO of the Company, PRI recognizes that the healthcare community faces unique challenges in today’s litigation prone marketplace and requires active collaboration from its insureds to make patient safety “best practices” a top priority. Mr. Bonomo said “We are proud to recognize the diligent efforts of our insureds to improve patient outcomes through awareness, through a “best practices” agenda, and through conscious risk management education”, he said, adding, “We are proud to be associated with these well-run institutions.”

First place honors went to St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, New York, for its innovative program “Improving Patient Engagement by Active Rounding by Leadership – I Pearl Program. The award, presented by Jeanne Braun, Executive Vice President, Hospitals and Special Programs for PRI was accepted by Karen A. Fielder, RN, Esq., Director of Risk Management, Dante K. Latorre, FACHE, Vice President of Quality and & Regulatory Affairs, Lee Kucera, RN, MS, FACHE Director of Quality & Performance Improvement.

Honorable Mention went to St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center, in Smithtown, New York for its program “The Reduction of Falls Without the Use of Restraints”, a model program for patient safety. The award was accepted by Laurie Yuditsky, RN, MBA, BSN, Nursing PI Coordinator, Ed Attard, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Barbara Gibbons, Director, Nurse Education, Patricia

Butera, Nurse Educator, Debbie Kohn, Nurse Educator.

PRI, through its hospital risk management program, led by Ms. Dawn Lewis, has received numerous plaudits for innovation and for the expansion and adoption of its risk management education programs.

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