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## **HOSPITAL EARNS MAGNET RECOGNITION**

Schneck Medical Center, located in Seymour, Indiana, has earned its newest accreditation - becoming one of the few Magnet hospitals in the nation. "It validates the quality of nursing at Schneck Medical Center," CEO Gary Meyer said. "We are one of only six Magnet hospitals in Indiana."

The American Nurses Credentialing Center recently announced that Schneck received recognition for nursing excellence, according to a press release from the hospital.

Only 3% of U.S. hospitals have achieved this recognition. Magnet designation signifies that an institution's nurses have high levels of education, abide to the highest professional standards and provide the best patient care. In an in-house recognition, the entire staff of nurses and nurse directors was recognized for outstanding work and for the nationally recognized achievement that comes with an accredited Magnet hospital title.

"Schneck Medical Center works as a team," Meyer said. "This dream was accomplished because of the extraordinary support of each and every member of our healthcare team, volunteers, board and organizational leaders. They embraced our vision and made it their own."

Independent studies of Magnet hospitals show that patients have shorter lengths of stay, higher satisfaction, higher nurse-to-patient ratios and lower mortality rates. Nurses are more satisfied with their work and Magnet recognition strengthens nursing recruitment and retention efforts, officials said.

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