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Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare Earns Patient Safety Excellence Award
Recognition Places Specialty Care Hospital in Top Echelon of Healthcare Facilities

St. Paul, Minn. [March 25, 2009] — Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare has earned a Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) Patient Safety Excellence Award for its work on preventing patients from falling during hospital stays.

Patient safety is a top priority for Minnesota hospitals. Because of this, Gillette joined the SAFE from FALLS initiative, where Minnesota teams are working collectively on implementing an extensive list of recommended actions to prevent patients from falling. The recommended actions are compiled in the *SAFE from FALLS Roadmap to a Comprehensive Falls Prevention Program*. The MHA Patient Safety Excellence Award is given to facilities that have achieved more than 90 percent of the recommended actions.

“Hospitals that receive these awards are to be commended — the bar is set very high,” says MHA Patient Safety Vice President Tania Daniels. “Hospitals that qualify have achieved measurable and meaningful progress toward implementing best practices to drive down adverse health events.”

“Gillette’s success in falls prevention is a direct result of employee commitment to patient safety, and to the diligence of our Falls Prevention Committee,” says Margaret Perryman, president and CEO of Gillette. “We’re proud to be recognized among the leaders in patient safety initiatives, and look forward to continuing to raise the bar for patient safety standards.”

For more information about the SAFE from FALLS campaign, visit the Minnesota Hospital Association Web site at www.mnhospitals.org/index/patient1.

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About Gillette Childrens Specialty Healthcare

Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs, such as cerebral palsy, complex orthopaedic conditions, craniofacial anomalies, neurological conditions, brain and spinal-cord injuries, spina bifida and juvenile arthritis. Gillette provides services to the community in St. Paul, Maple Grove, Burnsville, Minnetonka, Duluth and Willmar.

Since 1897, Gillette has been at the forefront of medical treatment, technology, education and research for children with disabilities. Gillette’s mission is to help children, adults and their families improve their health, achieve greater well-being, and enjoy life. To learn more, visit www.gillettechildrens.org.