

SUMMIT PACIFIC RECEIVES QUALITY-BASED ACCREDITATION FROM DNV

ELMA, WA — Summit Pacific announces the successful completion of its new accreditation process from DNV after undergoing a rigorous, unannounced on-site review this summer. During the visit, a team of DNV reviewers evaluated compliance standards spanning the entire organization.

By earning accreditation, Summit Pacific has demonstrated it meets or exceeds patient safety standards set forth by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. DNV's accreditation program is the only one to integrate the ISO 9001 Quality Management System with the Medicare Conditions of Participation.

"The DNV program is consistent with our long-term commitment to quality and patient safety," says Tori Bernier, CNO. "The ability to integrate ISO 9001 quality standards with our clinical and financial processes is a major step forward."

Summit Pacific has three years from the date of its accreditation to achieve compliance with ISO 9001, the world's most trusted quality management system used by performance-driven organizations around the world to advance their quality and sustainability objectives.

"We have taken an entirely different approach to accreditation and hospitals are really responding," says DNV Healthcare USA Inc. President Patrick Horine. "Since accreditation is a must-have credential for just about every hospital in this country, why not make it more valuable, and get more out of it? That's where ISO 9001 comes into play and turns the typical get-your-ticket-punched accreditation exercise into a quality transformation."

DNV's accreditation program, called NIAHO® (Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), involves annual hospital surveys – instead of every three years – and encourages hospitals to openly share information across departments and to discover improvements in clinical workflows and safety protocols.

DNV is a global independent certification, assurance and risk management provider, operating in more than 100 countries. Through its broad experience and deep expertise, DNV advances safety and sustainable performance, sets industry benchmarks and drives innovative solutions.

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About Grays Harbor County Public Hospital District No. 1, DBA Summit Pacific

Summit Pacific is a vibrant and expanding nonprofit public hospital district serving east Grays Harbor County, Washington. Founded in 1982, Summit Pacific now operates three locations comprised of a critical access hospital, primary care clinics, an urgent care clinic and a range of ancillary and specialty services. Summit Pacific's vision is "Through Summit Care, we will



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build the healthiest community in the Nation.” To learn more about Summit Pacific, visit www.summitpacificmedicalcenter.org.

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