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BOTHWELL RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO PATIENT SAFETY

SEDALIA — Bothwell Regional Health Center has been recognized by Missouri's Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) for its commitment to patient safety through their participation in the IHI's 5 Million Lives campaign. Bothwell was one of 61 Missouri hospitals listed by IHI as being fully committed to the 5 Million Lives campaign.

“We're committed to ensuring patient safety every day – not just because of this program – but because it's the most important thing we as health-care providers can do for our patients,” said John Dawes, Chief Executive Officer of Bothwell Regional Health Center. “The real value of this program is that it serves as a reminder to the public that we are continually monitoring the quality of care we provide and making improvements to benefit our patients.”

Hospitals statewide participated in the patient safety program. To be listed by the IHI as fully committed, a hospital had to submit monthly mortality data and implement at least one or more of the campaign improvement initiatives:

- deploy rapid response teams consisting of critical care nurses, respiratory therapists and patient care coordinators
- prevent central line infections in patients with ports
- prevent surgical site infections
- reduce MRSA infection

IHI activities are coordinated through state alliances. In Missouri, the Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri Center for Patient Safety and Primaris coordinated state activities.

Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 180-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. Bothwell Regional Health Center serves more than 63,000 patients each year from Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Henry and Johnson counties and is fully accredited by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at www.brhc.org.

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