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# Alaska Hospitals Receive "Chasing Zero" Health Care Awards

**Anchorage, Alaska,** (October 8, 2016) — Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is proud to announce the winners of the 2016 Chasing Zero Awards. The awards were presented to ten Alaska hospitals during Mountain-Pacific's Fall Patient Safety Conference on October 7th at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage.

Each hospital demonstrated a commitment to providing high-quality patient care. All recipients had to reach a measurement of at least 45 days without two of three Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs) or reach 90 days or more without one of three HAIs. The three HAIs measured were catheter-associated urinary tract infections, central line-associated blood stream infections and *Clostridium difficile* infections. Every winner surpassed the award measurements and went at least 120 days or more without an infection for one or more HAIs.

"Mountain-Pacific has worked with these exemplary hospitals for many years, and no matter how large or small or urban or rural, it is always amazing to watch the hard work that goes into creating high quality health care that ultimately creates a safer and healthier environment for the patient," said Sharon Scudder, Mountain-Pacific Alaska director. "Health care landscapes are changing, and with the presence of highly infectious diseases affecting our communities and with increased government mandates in reporting, we applaud these hospitals for providing the highest quality of hospital care in Alaska. It most likely rivals or exceeds care you would find throughout the United States."

**Ten hospitals received the Chasing Zero Award:**

- Alaska Regional Hospital, Anchorage
- Bartlett Regional Hospital, Juneau
- Central Peninsula Hospital, Soldotna
- Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fairbanks
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center, Palmer
- SEARHC/Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, Sitka
- PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center, Ketchikan
- Petersburg Medical Center, Petersburg
- Providence Kodiak Island Medical Center, Kodiak
- Wrangell Medical Center, Wrangell

All Alaska hospitals are eligible for Hospital Quality Awards. Award-winning hospitals range from small, rural hospitals to large, urban hospitals.