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**Recertification Awarded to St. Elizabeth's Respiratory Therapy &
Pulmonary Departments**

Belleville – St. Elizabeth's Hospital Respiratory Therapy and Pulmonary Departments have received recertification from their accrediting body, COLA. They received a full 2 year accreditation with no citations noted.

The surveyor noted keys to success as quality systems, management, training, and cross checking equipment at all times. Credit goes out to Mona Wheeler, Respiratory Services Manager, for providing the continuity of management and departmental stability and to Chuck Watts, Director of Respiratory Service, who was integral in finalizing the accreditation process.

In addition, St. Elizabeth's Hospital commends the entire RT and Pulmonary staff for their consistently exceptional practice and quality patient care.

About the COLA COLA, completing over 33,000 laboratory surveys, is the premier clinical laboratory education, consultation, and accreditation organization. The organization is an independent accreditor whose practical, educational standards have a positive and immediate impact, enabling clinical laboratories and staff to meet U.S. CLIA and other regulatory requirements, act in accordance with

quality systems, and provide the best possible patient care. For more information about COLA accreditation services and educational products, and on-line educational opportunities please call 800-981-9883 or visit COLA's Web Site at www.cola.org.

About St. Elizabeth's Hospital St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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