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### Superintendent's Message: Successful Laboratory Survey

As you may know, two weeks ago the hospital had a full five-day Joint Commission accreditation survey. This week we had a second Joint Commission accreditation survey - this time for our Laboratory.

Surveyor Jo Anne Edwards spent two days tracing laboratory specimens, observing our staff in the lab, checking lab reports in medical records, checking our lab's quality control systems, reviewing human resource files, reviewing infection control processes, discussing safety procedures, and checking all of The Joint Commission's Laboratory standards.

I am pleased to announce that the survey was extremely successful. The preliminary survey report indicates zero direct impact findings. Our lab has a long and consistent record of excellent surveys.

Please join me in congratulating Jan Rutherford, Susie Dawson, Pam Gordon, Noreen Smith, Matt Suiter, and Sandra Cordes on their successful survey, and a job well done.