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**ADVANCED SPECIALTY HOSPITALS OF TOLEDO  
AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

Toledo, September 4, 2008 - By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Advanced Specialty Hospitals of Toledo has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Advanced Specialty Hospitals of Toledo occurred in August.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization- wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," says Darlene Christiansen, executive director, Hospital Accreditation Program, Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that Advanced Specialty Hospitals of Toledo is focusing on the most challenging goal—to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

Terry Rodwancy, Hospital Administrator spoke of her pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by The Joint Commission. "In addition, they appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors."

She called the accreditation, "proof of an organization-wide commitment to provide quality care on an ongoing basis."