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Hospital committee conducts quality review

Teton Valley Hospital leadership recently conducted an analysis of specific areas of patient care in response to the Quality Improvement program goals of the newly adopted strategic plan and questions that arose during the January meeting of the hospital governing board. CEO Floyd Bounds convened a meeting with several hospital trustees, the Director of Nursing, Director of Quality Services, and pertinent department supervisors to review policies for supply requisitions and delivery of patient care services related to medical imaging, emergency room, and lab testing.

This review concluded that essential, basic supplies are readily available and that TVH has the inventory mechanisms in place to assure that they are stocked. Though optimal, full-time ultrasound coverage is not required in a critical access hospital (CAH) and the financial costs of doing so can be prohibitive. Current options to provide part-time ultrasonography are under review. It was also determined that adequate and appropriate lab testing and procedures are in place to respond to patient care needs.

The review team recommended that communication among departments and inventory monitoring needs to be improved so that key people are aware of equipment and supply needs on a continuous basis.

Teton Valley Hospital is fulfilling its mission to provide quality care for patients under the auspices and regulations required by a federally designated critical access hospital. The hospital is also working to meet the goals of the new strategic plan to bolster the Quality Improvement program. Monthly reporting to the Board will be ongoing in order to keep Trustees and the public abreast of hospital improvement efforts.

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