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(Hauppauge, NY . . . June 30, 2008) The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) presented its first Excellence in Patient Safety Award to Stony Brook University Hospital for Stony Brook's initiative to increase detection and standardize care for the treatment of severe sepsis. The recognition took place on Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Crest Hollow Country Club during the Hospital Council's Annual Meeting. NSHC is the membership association that represents Long Island's 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals.

The award recognizes one member's distinguished achievement in patient safety and quality improvement. Twenty-seven programs were entered into this inaugural competition, which seeks to highlight best practices.

"Long Island hospitals are engaged in innovative quality improvement programs each and every day," said Wendy Darwell, chief operating officer for the Hospital Council. "The hospitals' commitment to the highest level of quality and patient safety was evident in every nomination we received, but Stony Brook's application was truly exceptional. We are very pleased to honor Dr. Strongwater and his staff with this award."

The nominations were scored for their impact on patient care and safety, innovation, adherence to quality improvement principles and methodologies, use of relevant process and outcome measures and systems through the improvement process, sustainability, evidence of cost-consciousness, and demonstration of effective use of human and material resources.

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From left: Wendy Darwell, Chief Operating Officer for the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council; Dr. Margaret Parker, Chair of the Department of Medicine at Stony Brook University Hospital; Dr. William H. Greene, Chief Quality Officer at Stony Brook; Dr. Steven Strongwater, CEO of Stony Brook University Medical Center, and Grace Proper, Stony Brook's Quality Management Practitioner for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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