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**For Immediate Release:**

**Rehab Center receives multiple CARF accreditations**

MUNCIE—The Physical Rehabilitation Center at Ball Memorial Hospital has received a three-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). This represents the ninth consecutive three-year accreditation BMH has received from the international accrediting body.

William Runkle, program director, BMH Physical Rehabilitation, said CARF accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation awarded to organizations and illustrates BMH's commitment to exceeding CARF standards.

“To gain CARF accreditation, our center underwent a detailed and rigorous peer review process, and was required to measurably demonstrate delivery of the highest quality services,” Runkle said. “Doing so represents the highest standards of quality in the physical rehabilitation field.”

BMH has also received a three-year CARF Stroke Specialty Program accreditation. This recognition addresses stroke rehabilitation stages, with a special focus on recurrence prevention. Stroke Specialty Program standards emphasize functional outcomes and education for persons served in a variety of settings, including inpatient programs such as those delivered at BMH.

Ball Memorial Hospital's Physical Rehabilitation Center admits both in-house adult and geriatric patients as well as referrals from other facilities. Patients' diagnoses range from orthopedic injuries to strokes to congenital deformities. The Center uses a multi-disciplinary approach including a rehabilitation physician, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, rehabilitation nursing, therapeutic recreation, social services and dietary.

CARF is an independent non-profit accrediting body which has promoted the quality, value and optimal outcomes of service through a consultative accrediting process since 1966.

For more information about the Physical Rehabilitation Center at BMH, log on to [www.accessbmh.org](http://www.accessbmh.org).

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