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**NEWS RELEASE – INPATIENT REHABILITATION UNIT CELEBRATES 100<sup>TH</sup> PATIENT**

The inpatient rehab unit of Joint Township District Memorial Hospital wishes to announce the 100<sup>th</sup> patient admission, Mr. Ralph Bergman of Ft. Recovery. This eight-bed unit located on the sixth floor of the hospital has been operating since January 1, 2004. This specialized unit provides a comprehensive quality rehabilitation program that promotes and improves independence with functional mobility.

Individuals with a medical condition that is of recent onset or progression, that are experiencing a significant loss of function with mobility and activities of daily living are eligible for the unit. Diagnosis of persons served are inclusive of but not limited to: total joint replacement (hip and knee), stroke, spinal cord injury, amputee, head injury, fracture hip, multiple trauma, arthritis, congenital deformities, and neurological (i.e. Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, poly-neuropathy, etc.).

After a comprehensive assessment is completed by the treating team, and with input from the patient and family, a care plan is created identifying short term and long-term goals and an estimated length of stay. The average length of stay in a rehab program is typically 10-14 days with 88% of the patients returning home.

Patients who are admitted to the rehab program will receive a minimum of three hours of therapy a day, 5 days a week and a partial day of therapy on Saturday.

Pictured Left to Right: Bonnie Quellhorst, occupational therapist for the inpatient rehab unit; Ralph Bergman, patient; and Mike Hirschfeld, physical therapist for the inpatient rehab unit.

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