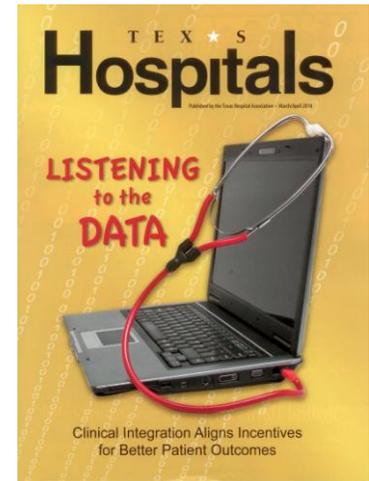


Sweeny Hospital District featured in Texas Hospitals Magazine

Sweeny Community Hospital was recently featured in the Texas Hospital Association's *Texas Hospitals* magazine. One of the largest hospital associations in the country, THA represents more than 85 percent of the state's hospitals and health care systems. This publication is a bi-monthly review of Association and member activities and is the primary method of information sharing among member Texas hospitals. Sweeny Community Hospital was featured in a regular column in *Texas Hospitals* titled "Quality Care". The article details the hospital's remarkable growth and attention to high quality care using evidence-based standards and data gleaned from the Texas Hospital Association reporting systems. Based on the information contained in these reports, administration was able to make important growth decisions in a cost-effective manner, while still holding true to the hospital's dedication to providing quality care. "Being profiled in *Texas Hospitals* is a huge honor, due in large part to staff and physician dedication to providing excellent care to our patients. Sweeny Community Hospital has been able to achieve a higher level of quality care over the past several years, and this article highlights the details of how the team has been able to come together and make it all happen." states Bill Barnes, FACHE, Administrator at Sweeny Community Hospital. The magazine's commentary attributes SCH's successes to the administrative team focusing on three key areas—increasing medical staff, improving employee morale, and focusing on performance improvement. By addressing these vital areas, administration has been able to increase its market share from 5 to 14 percent. The article goes on to point out SCH's significant outperformance of similarly sized hospitals in patient length of stay and affordability. These factors have contributed to dramatically increased patient satisfaction, which can be seen in the rapid expansion of admissions and service utilization in the community over the past two years. All of these factors combine to make Sweeny Community Hospital a thriving healthcare facility serving the West Brazos area while gaining statewide recognition among industry professionals.



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