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LifeCenter Northwest honors Virginia Mason Memorial with Achievement Award in Organ Donation

Local organ procurement organization, LifeCenter Northwest is proud to announce the presentation of the 2017 Achievement Awards for Organ Donation. Virginia Mason Memorial is being recognized for its superior performance in organ donation.

The hospital tops the list of achievement award winners by receiving both the 2017 Organ Donation Achievement Award and Organ Donation Referral Achievement Award.

Virginia Mason Memorial is:

- One of 15 hospitals in our four-state service area to receive an Organ Donation Achievement Award. This award is presented to hospitals with a 75 percent donation rate. This rate is achieved through making timely referral calls, collaborating with LifeCenter Northwest on potential donation cases, and maintaining the opportunity for donation.
- One of six hospitals in our four-state service area to receive an Organ Donation Referral Achievement Award. This award is presented to hospitals for reaching or exceeding a referral rate of 90 percent. One of the most important steps in donation is recognizing when a patient has met referral criteria and making the call in a timely manner.

These accomplishments translate to more waiting-list patients receiving a second chance at life through organ transplantation.

The full list of achievement award recipients are included in LifeCenter Northwest's 2017 Annual Report, which can be viewed at www.lcnw.org.

LifeCenter Northwest is the federally designated organ procurement organization serving Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington -- the largest geographic donation service area in United States. For more information, or to register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, please visit www.lcnw.org.

LifeCenter Northwest is honored to work together with our hospital partners and greatly appreciates the contributions they make every day to help save lives through organ donation.

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