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**St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals Receive Prestigious 2011 IPRO
Award for Patient Safety**

Recognized For Reducing the Incidence and Transmission of MRSA

New York, NY – July 5, 2011 – St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals, two of New York City's premier medical providers, received the 2011 IPRO Quality Award for demonstrating a consistent commitment to the hospital's MRSA project. The award recognized the hospital's role of leadership with sharing best practices and serving as a mentor to other hospitals in the project.

Although the hospital is one of 14 hospitals in New York State to receive such an award, it is the only institution in New York City to be recognized. The awards, given annually by IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) and Medicaid Review Agent for New York State, recognizes providers and professionals who demonstrate a commitment to improving the quality of care provided to New York's Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients.

“Our commitment to patient safety is first and foremost shared by, not only the staff in infectious diseases, but throughout the institution,” said Bruce Polsky, MD, Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Chief of Infectious Diseases at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals. “It is a great honor for the hospital to this award.”

Dr. Polsky, along with nurse epidemiologists Barbara A. Smith, Eloisa Santos and Angela Gabassan accepted the award at IPRO's 27th annual meeting and luncheon on June 7th at the LaGuardia Marriott Hotel.

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“Quality improvement is a complex process and an integral part of our commitment to provide New Yorkers with convenient, accessible and quality health care,” says Frank J. Cracolici, President of St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals. “IPRO has given us the tools to make this possible.”

IPRO is a national organization providing a full spectrum of healthcare assessment and improvement services that foster more efficient use of resources and enhance healthcare quality to achieve better patient outcomes.