

# EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL

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## **EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES \$25,000 CARDINAL HEALTH GRANT TO ENSURE QUALITY COMMUNICATIONS**

**EAST ORANGE, N.J. – July 6, 2011** – East Orange General Hospital today announced that it has received \$25,000 in grant funding from the Cardinal Health Foundation to further improve the management of medications to emergency room patients. Specifically, the funding will focus on patients with congestive heart failure, and will help the hospital better communicate and coordinate with those patients regarding their medications.

“At times in an emergency room setting, there can be inconsistency in the way that patients, family members and hospital staff communicate about what medications a patient has taken or is taking,” said Franklin Hickey, Chief Nursing Officer at East Orange General. “This grant funding will allow us to ensure quality care for congestive heart patients by setting up a coordinated approach to medication management.”

In 2011, the Cardinal Health E<sup>3</sup> Grant Program awarded more than \$1 million in grant funding to help nearly 40 health care providers in 20 states improve the excellence, effectiveness and efficiency of health care they provide to patients. For the second consecutive year, this competitive grant program specifically encouraged providers to submit funding requests for programs that seek to improve medication management or operating room safety.

“The E<sup>3</sup> Grant Program funding has been used by hundreds of health care organizations over the past three years to implement meaningful, long-term improvements in the way they care for patients,” said Shelley Bird, executive vice president of public affairs for Cardinal Health and chairperson of the Cardinal Health Foundation. “We congratulate East Orange General Hospital for being selected as a grant recipient this year.”

### **About East Orange General Hospital**

East Orange General Hospital is East Orange’s largest private employer and Essex County’s only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital. Serving the community for over a century, East Orange General Hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. Specialty areas include: Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Behavioral Health, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services.

### **About the Cardinal Health Foundation**

The Cardinal Health Foundation supports local, national and international programs that improve health care quality and build healthy communities. The Cardinal Health Foundation also offers grants to encourage employee service to the community and works through international agencies to donate

much-needed medical supplies and funding to those who need them in times of disaster. To learn more, visit [cardinalhealth.com/community](http://cardinalhealth.com/community).