

# EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL

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## EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

**East Orange, N.J., April 13, 2010** – East Orange General Hospital, along with other national, state and community organizations, are leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making—an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of April 16, 2010 as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD). As a participating organization, East Orange General Hospital is providing information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will) in accordance with New Jersey state laws. These resources are available at [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org).

Specifically, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Orange General Hospital is welcoming the public throughout the day to provide them with free information about advance care planning and advance directive forms at 300 Central Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07019.

“As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community can be expected to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known,” said Kevin Slavin, President and CEO of East Orange General Hospital. “Fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient, and healthcare providers and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and be better able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so.”

For more information about National Healthcare Decision Day, please visit [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org).

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

East Orange General Hospital is the largest private employer in East Orange, and remains as the only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital in Essex County. The hospital is the leader in Behavioral Health Services and provides a comprehensive array of primary care and specialty services including Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services. Serving the community for over a century, the hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. For more information on East Orange General Hospital, please visit: <http://www.evh.org>.

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