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Faxton-St. Luke's Awarded *Certificate of Excellence* for Compliance In Hepatitis B Perinatal Prevention

Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare has been awarded a '*Certificate of Excellence*' by the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) Hepatitis B Perinatal Prevention Program following a quality assurance/medical record review conducted at the hospital.

A record review is performed on a rotating basis at birthing hospitals every 2-3 years in order to ensure compliance with New York State Public Health Law mandating hepatitis B documentation in all maternal and infant medical records, according to Sandra Pejic, Coordinator for the Hepatitis B Perinatal Prevention Program and Interim Director of Clinic Services for the health department.

"New York State Health Law also ensures that all infants born to hepatitis B positive mothers are treated with recommended prophylactic treatment," Pejic said. She added, *"The certificate awarded Faxton-St. Luke's attests to the hospital's 100% compliance with the law's requirements mandating testing, reporting and recording hepatitis b status for all pregnant women and a minimum 90% birth dose rate of hepatitis B virus vaccine administered to all newborns."*

Pejic made the presentation to the nurse manager of Maternal Child Services at Faxton-St.Luke's, Julie Wells-Tsiatsos, MSN, RN and members of the nursing staff on behalf of the NYSDOH during a ceremony at the hospital.