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St. Luke's Wood River Continues to Achieve Low Infection Rates *2009 Infection Rate Well Below National Average*

KETCHUM, ID - St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center's surgical site infection rates have historically been well below the national benchmark and 2009 proves to be no different. With an infection rate of 0.75%, the hospital falls well below the national average of 2%. On a national basis, for every 100 surgeries performed, 2 people get an infection. However, at St. Luke's Wood River, the rating indicates for every 100 surgeries performed, less than one patient gets an infection.

"The main reason our statistic is well below the national average is due to our stringent processes and standards," says Bruce Jensen, CEO of St. Luke's Wood River.

With placing the highest priority on infection control activities, employee education and quality improvement, St. Luke's Wood River's infection rate continues to score well below other, particularly larger, hospitals across the nation. For more information about St. Luke's Wood River's infection prevention measures, please call 727-8475.

About St. Luke's Wood River

In November 2000, St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center opened its doors to serve the health care needs of people living in the greater Blaine County area. This 25-bed critical access hospital provides inpatient and outpatient surgery, 24-hour emergency services, Diagnostic Imaging, OB/GYN services, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, and Mammography.

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