



## **Rutland Regional Medical Center Collaborates with GE Healthcare on Community Hospital Showcase**

*Showcase to Serve as National "Blueprint" for Community Hospital Innovation*

**WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN, October 13, 2009** – GE Healthcare announced today an agreement with Rutland Regional Medical Center to develop a Community Hospital Showcase and highlight the facility as a national host site for visiting community hospitals. The agreement will leverage GE's extensive portfolio and Rutland Regional's best practices to create a national 'blueprint' for institutions that use technology to improve the quality and efficiency of patient care.

"Rutland Regional has advanced the role of technology to help optimize processes, connect caregivers and further medical advancements," said Mark Vachon, President & CEO, GE Healthcare Americas. "We're thrilled to extend our collaboration with Rutland Regional to help further promote how technology and process innovation within community hospitals can positively impact clinical performance."

"This agreement with GE Healthcare underscores our commitment to utilize advanced technology for improving outcomes in the communities we serve," said Barb Robinson, Vice President of Clinical Services, Rutland Regional Medical Center. "Our partnership will be a key differentiator as we continue to upgrade our technology and implement GE's broad suite of technology and services, including the use of digital, portable imaging technology at the point of care, the integration of information systems and sharing of patient data, and implementation of a multi-vendor service agreement with GE."

The second largest hospital in rural Vermont, Rutland Regional provides patients with some of the most advanced technology currently available in New England. The radiology department supports 30 specialized services, including the growing needs of its trauma, breast care, orthopedic and cancer center services.

As part of the agreement, Rutland Regional will demonstrate to visiting clinicians and administrators how technology helps optimize performance and coordinate care. Rutland Regional will showcase GE's broad range of solutions -- diagnostic imaging equipment, clinical services, and information technology -- and how the facility uses GE's imaging technology, such as SPECT/CT and Breast MRI, to differentiate the health system, enhance service lines and improve health outcomes.

### **ABOUT RUTLAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER:**

Established in 1896, Rutland Regional Medical Center is the second largest hospital in Vermont. Offering high-tech care with a hometown touch, Rutland Regional boasts the latest in Diagnostic Imaging services, including CT, MRI and PET scanning, cancer care, Vermont's first nationally-certified sleep disorders center, as well as cardiac catheterization, a surgery center, birthing center and orthopaedics and joint replacements.

The mission of Rutland Regional Medical Center is to provide superior diagnostic, therapeutic and preventative health services in a caring environment to those in the Rutland Region and surrounding communities through the strength of our people and technology.

With more than 1,300 employees, Rutland Regional is the second largest employer in Rutland County. More than 190 of the area's finest physicians in 37 specialty areas give expert care with a personal touch.



GE Healthcare

**ABOUT GE HEALTHCARE:**

GE Healthcare provides transformational medical technologies and services that are shaping a new age of patient care. Our broad expertise in medical imaging and information technologies, medical diagnostics, patient monitoring systems, drug discovery, biopharmaceutical manufacturing technologies, performance improvement and performance solutions services help our customers to deliver better care to more people around the world at a lower cost. In addition, we partner with healthcare leaders, striving to leverage the global policy change necessary to implement a successful shift to sustainable healthcare systems.

Our "healthymagination" vision for the future invites the world to join us on our journey as we continuously develop innovations focused on reducing costs, increasing access and improving quality and efficiency around the world. Headquartered in the United Kingdom, GE Healthcare is a \$17 billion unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE). Worldwide, GE Healthcare employs more than 46,000 people committed to serving healthcare professionals and their patients in more than 100 countries. For more information about GE Healthcare, visit our website at [www.gehealthcare.com](http://www.gehealthcare.com)