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**HACKLEY HOSPITAL BLOOD BANK  
RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION**

Muskegon, MI, November 1, 2006 -- Hackley Hospital has been granted accreditation by the national American Association of Blood Banks (AABB). The accreditation recognizes Hackley's commitment to advanced learning, continuous improvement and innovation by striving to sustain the highest possible level of patient and donor care.

"This significant achievement exemplifies our continuous efforts to provide the highest possible standard of care for our patients," says Dr. J. Michael Ratchford, Vice President Medical Affairs. Our Lab Technicians continue to set the bar in achieving the highest level of proficiency and professionalism." The Hackley Hospital Blood Bank is the only blood bank in the region to receive the AABB accreditation.

AABB is an international non-profit membership organization dedicated to advancing the field of transfusion medicine. It sets standards, accredits facilities, publishes books and publications and produces educational programs to improve patient and donor safety.

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