

Registered Nurses Attain Electronic Fetal Monitoring Certification

ROME (October 2003)- Three Rome Memorial Hospital registered nurses have attained national certification in electronic fetal monitoring, announced Maternity Nurse Manager Cathy Destito, RN.

Janet Leigh, RN, unit nurse manager on the hospital's evening shift; Lauri Hoke, RN, on the day shift; and Sandra Graichen, RN, on the evening shift, attained the certification.

Electronic fetal monitoring is an ultrasound device used during labor and birth, or during certain tests such as non-stress and contraction stress, to record the baby's heart rate and mother's contractions. It can be used intermittently or continuously.

On August 18-20, Leigh, Hoke, and Graichen attended a 20-hour fetal monitoring certification course in Flushing, NY after successfully completing a home study course/pre-test. At the end of the course, they were required to pass a comprehensive exam.

"Rome Memorial Hospital is committed to the well being of our moms-to-be and their babies," said Destito. "We are constantly undertaking training and education to further enhance the services we provide to our patients."