

# HOSPITAL OFFERS SPEAKERS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

ROME (March 2004)– Community organizations who are interested in having someone speak about health-related topics may turn to Rome Memorial Hospital as a resource.

Coordinated by the Education Department, the hospital's Speakers Bureau is a free community resource for schools, civic groups and organizations to obtain health-related information. It also provides the hospital with an opportunity to explore community needs and concerns.

"In addition to patient and family education and the ongoing professional training of our staff, the Education Department undertakes this initiative as part of the hospital's mission to serve as a community healthcare resource," said Education Director Gale Barone.

The professionals who participate in the Speakers Bureau are employees of Rome Memorial Hospital and have volunteered their time to meet with community groups to discuss healthcare and medical topics of interest. They do not expect an honoraria or fee. Presentations are generally 20 minutes long and allow time for a question and answer period at the end of the program.

Some of the topics that are available include: back health and injury prevention, health careers, heart health, health care proxy, internet health resources, healthcare quality improvement teams, women's/men's health issues, alcohol & substance abuse, stress, the dollars & cents of healthcare, mammography & breast health, medical imaging in healthcare, computers in medical imaging, children & surgery, emergency topics, infection control issues, senior health topics, and specific health problems such as diabetes, heart attack, osteoporosis, asthma, and stroke.

Requests for speakers should be made at least three weeks prior to your event by calling Rome Memorial Hospital's Education Office at 338-7062.