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## **CEP America partners with MacNeal Hospital near Chicago.**

CEP America signed an agreement on January 1, 2009 with MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Illinois, to run its Emergency Department.

Founded in 1975, CEP America focuses solely on developing ED solutions for hospitals around the country. Utilizing CEP America's proprietary Rapid Medical Evaluation® program (RME), the average time-to-provider wait at partner hospitals is 20 minutes below the national average.

"No one really likes going to the emergency department, mainly because people believe that they will have to wait hours to be seen," said Dr. Wesley A. Curry, FACEP, chief executive officer of CEP America. "Time and again, we've been able to help hospitals improve efficiencies based on our in-depth knowledge of how emergency departments run. This directly translates to improved patient satisfaction and far fewer people leaving the hospital without being seen, a key indicator of a hospital's emergency department."

All CEP America executives are practicing ED physicians, which gives them an insight into the challenges hospitals face every day.

A full service acute care community teaching hospital MacNeal Hospital is owned and operated by Vanguard Health Systems. The ED is designated as a Level II Trauma Center with 19 ED beds, seven fast track beds and three triage holding rooms. On average, 55,000 patients are seen in its ED every year. Janet Young M.D. has been named Medical Director for the ED.

"MacNeal Hospital has chosen to partner with CEP America because they are national leaders in providing high quality emergency department services," said Brian Lemon, chief executive officer of MacNeal Hospital. "We are confident that CEP America will partner with our outstanding physicians and ED team to continue delivering exceptional care and enhancing the patient experience."