



**Illinois Risk Management Services**

## **2010 S. A. Gross Award for Risk Management Excellence**

Illinois Risk Management Services (IRMS) recently presented its *S. A. Gross Award for Risk Management Excellence* to Susan Hornsey, Risk Manager at Saint Anthony's Health System in Alton. Hornsey was nominated for her outstanding leadership role in risk management. During her five years as risk manager, she successfully implemented a number of changes and new practices that significantly and continually improved patient safety and reduced the hospital's loss ratio. She was responsible for expanding the role of staff in making day to day patient safety decisions, creating interdisciplinary teams to plan and monitor patient safety initiatives, and keeping leadership staff focused on key priorities.

The award was presented to Hornsey at the Illinois Provider Trust (IPT)/IRMS 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Risk Managers' Meeting on September 30. Saint Anthony's will receive a check for \$1,000, which the hospital is encouraged to use for its risk management program.

The award was created to honor Sydney Gross, past Director of IRMS Claims & Risk Management, for his many years of service and contributions to the field of risk management. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that IRMS has offered this award to recognize someone from an IPT/IRMS hospital that contributed significantly to his or her hospital's risk management program.

Established in 1979, Illinois Risk Management Services serves as the manager of Illinois Provider Trust, and as such provides claims and risk management services to the members of IPT. IPT is a first-dollar Hospital Professional/General Liability program that currently serves 33 health care organizations in Illinois. IPT maintains an effective link between claims and risk management functions with an early intervention claims philosophy and a risk management program focused on identification of liability exposures and increased quality of care.

IRMS also provides workers' compensation and integrated disability claims management, loss control and general administrative services for insureds in the Illinois Compensation Trust (ICT) and self-insured IHA member institutions, municipalities, and manufacturers.

*PHOTO: Award winner Susan Hornsey, R.N., Risk Manager at Saint Anthony's Health System in Alton, with Mary Stankos, Director of Risk Management, IRMS.*

