



The Inspection Program for fiscal year 2009/2010 was a great success. The Board assigned 288 routine inspections and 10 complaint related inspections. Of the 298 inspections assigned, 298 have been performed.

In April 2010, the Enforcement Program Manager and the Enforcement Inspection Coordinator accompanied each inspector on two routine inspections. Each inspector did an outstanding job by properly introducing themselves, explaining the purpose of the inspection and making sure not to disrupt the facilities daily activities. At the end of each inspection the inspector sat down with a designated hospital staff person and went over their deficiencies. Handouts were provided to those hospitals that needed assistance in achieving compliance. To date, the Board has not issued any citations for minimum standards violations.

In May 2010, the inspectors' attended a mandatory round table to review the Inspection Program and discuss any areas of concern. The inspectors' all provided positive feedback but did have concerns that a rebreathing bag may not be sufficient for resuscitation efforts. Staff explained that the MDC determined that a rebreathing bag is sufficient but agreed that this matter could be further discussed at the June/August MDC meeting.

The Board sent out 204 inspection surveys. Of the 204 inspections surveys sent out, 132 were returned. Of the 132 surveys returned, 126 surveys rated the inspectors as excellent or satisfactory. Almost every survey stated that the inspector was helpful, knowledgeable, and professional. The Board will continue to send out inspection surveys to determine what areas may need improvement.

Of the 288 routine inspections that were assigned each hospital, on average, had 7-10 deficiencies. The 20 most common deficiencies are:

- Notice of No Staff on Premises
- X-Ray
- Exercise Runs
- Contagious Facilities
- Surgery Floors, Tables & Counters
- Emergency Drugs
- Resuscitation Bags
- Anesthetic Equipment
- Surgery Lighting/X-Ray/Emergency
- Surgical Packs & Sterile Indicators
- Sanitary Attire
- Expired Drugs
- Drug Security Controls
- Drug Logs
- CURES Reporting
- Record Keeping
- License/ Permit Displayed
- Endotracheal Tubes
- X-ray Identification
- Current DEA

Due to the budget impasse the Board is not able to assign inspections for the current fiscal year (2010/2011). Once the budget is signed, inspections will be assigned to all four inspectors. The Board will inspect at least 10% of the total premises licensed by the Board.