

25 Heckel Road • Kennedy Township

McKees Rocks, PA 15136-1694

412-777-6161

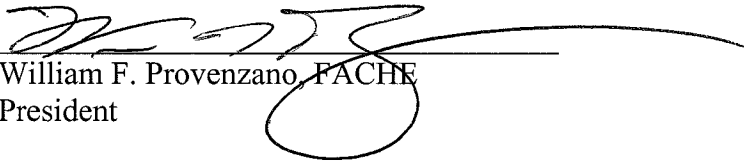
[www.ohiovalleyhospital.org](http://www.ohiovalleyhospital.org)

## Response to 2005 PHC4 Infection Data

### Surgical Site Infections

An intensive assessment was performed on the 11 cases of surgical site infections that occurred in 2005. Fifty percent of these patients had procedures that were categorized as Class III, meaning that they were considered to be high risk for infection or were already infected when they came to us for treatment. There were no trends or patterns of physician, procedure, staff, room or equipment identified in the second half of the cases.

In a proactive manner, we made several small changes in the surgical area, including reducing the number of people permitted in the rooms, severely restricting traffic in and out of the surgical area, and insisting on strict adherence to all policies and procedures. Early next year when we occupy our new Surgical Suite, we will have even more safeguards in place, such as special filtration technologies in the newly designed area.



William F. Provenzano, FACHE  
President