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Hamilton Medical Center receives national recognition for support of perioperative nursing certification

DALTON, Ga. (January 27, 2021) – Hamilton Medical Center recently earned the *CNOR® Strong* designation from the Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI). The Certified Perioperative Nurse (CNOR) credential is the only accredited certification for perioperative registered nurses. Earning the CNOR is a mark of distinction and demonstrates a commitment to upholding the highest standards in patient safety.

The *CNOR Strong* designation is awarded annually to facilities that achieve at least a 50 percent certification rate in their eligible perioperative nursing staff and consistently recognize and reward nurses who become certified perioperative nurse (CNOR) certified or complete recertification.

The CNOR certification program is for perioperative nurses interested in improving and validating their knowledge and skills and providing the highest quality care to their patients. Certification also recognizes a nurse's commitment to professional development. It is an objective, measurable way of acknowledging the achievement of specialty knowledge beyond basic nursing preparation and RN licensure.

Research shows that nurses who earn the CNOR credential have greater confidence in their clinical practice. Thus, a team of certified nurses who have mastered the standards of perioperative practice provides even more empowerment, further advancing a culture of professionalism and promoting improved patient outcomes. This strength in numbers is why CCI launched the *CNOR Strong* program; to recognize those facilities committed to making a difference for patients both inside and outside of the operating room.

“Patient safety and positive surgical outcomes are very important to Hamilton,” said Kimberly Jones, RN, MSN, CNOR, Surgical Services educator. “Supporting nurses to exceed expectations and achieve perioperative nursing certification shows Hamilton’s commitment to these core values.”

The Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI) has been the leader in perioperative certification for more than 40 years, certifying over 40,000 nurses internationally. An industry leader in nursing competency assessment, CCI is the credentialing body for the CNOR, Certified Surgical Services Manager (CSSM), and Certified Perioperative CNS (CNS-CP) credentials.

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Photo: Pictured are certified perioperative nurses at Hamilton Medical Center. From left are Todd Hudgins, Judean Bowling, Kimberly Jones, Jesse Echeverria and Madison Mills.

