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Salina Regional receives *CNOR® Strong* designation for third year in a row

(January 21, 2020) – Salina Regional Health Center has earned the Certified Nurse Operating Room (*CNOR® Strong*) designation from the national Competency and Credentialing Institute for the third year in a row. The *CNOR® Strong* designation is given to facilities that have at least 50 percent of its eligible operating room nursing staff *CNOR®* certified.

The program is aimed at helping nurses improve and validate their knowledge and skills in order to provide the highest quality care to their patients. The certification acknowledges an achievement of specialty knowledge beyond basic nursing preparation and RN licensure.

“I am proud to work with a team that is professionally committed to delivering excellent patient care,” said Kelley Drake, Surgery nursing director at Salina Regional Health Center. “Holding this certification proves their dedication and passion to perioperative nursing.”

Research shows that nurses who earn *CNOR®* credentials have greater confidence in their clinical practice. Thus, a team of certified nurses who have mastered the *CNOR®* certification standards advances a culture of professionalism that promotes improved patient outcomes.

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The *CNOR*[®] *Strong* program was launched by the Competency & Credentialing Institute in 1979 to recognize facilities committed to making a difference for its patients. The CCI is one of the nation's largest specialty nursing credentialing organizations and the leading certification body for perioperative nurses. The mission of CCI is to lead competency and credentialing that promotes safe, quality patient care and supports lifelong learning.

Find out more about the CCI at www.cc-institute.org

Salina Regional Health Center CNORs



Salina Regional Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR) staff members (from left) Brenda Viar, Kayla Potts, Elizabeth Mendiola, Abi McBurney, Kelley Drake, Beth Braasch, Alba Gier, Melissa Weishaar and Dana Plunkett.

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