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

(February 19, 2019) – Salina Regional Health Center has earned the Certified Nurse Operating Room (*CNOR® Strong*) designation from the national Competency and Credentialing Institute for the second 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.

“Nurses who study for and pass the *CNOR®* exam have advanced perioperative knowledge that positively impacts our patient outcomes,” said Kelley Drake, Surgery nursing director at Salina Regional Health Center.

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.

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](http://www.cc-institute.org)

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