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MUSC Health Florence Division receives 14 South Carolina Hospital Association Awards

MUSC Health Florence and Marion Medical Centers have earned a combined 14 South Carolina “Certified Zero Harm Awards” from the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA). These awards are in recognition of the outstanding performance for patient safety and prevention of hospital-acquired infections.

“Our Care Team members are dedicated to the patients we serve and focus on providing the highest level of care,” MUSC Health Florence Division Chief Executive Officer Vance Reynolds said. “These awards are proof that, even in the midst of a pandemic, we are diligent in our safety practices and patient care. This is truly something to celebrate and be proud of.”

“We take quality and patient safety very seriously at MUSC Health Florence Division. We pledge DO NO HARM in our medical oath and we keep that pledge in every opportunity that we have with patients. We are lucky to have wonderful care team members that share the same goals and we will continue to strive toward the health and safety of our patients and families,” said Chief Medical Officer Dr. Rami Zebian, MUSC Health Florence Medical Center.

“It is a great honor and privilege for MUSC Health Marion Medical Center to receive these prestigious awards. We are extremely proud of all our doctors, nurses and hospital staff that have made this award possible. This represents a fantastic team effort. As a surgeon, these surgical awards have a special meaning. The future of MUSC Health Marion is bright and we all will work

even harder to continue improving patient care in the future,” said Chief of Staff Dr. Robert De Grood, MUSC Health Marion Medical Center.

“I am immensely proud that MUSC Health Florence Medical Center has achieved this remarkable continued success. These awards speak volumes about our talented nursing and medical leadership. Ultimately, these awards are due to our tremendous nursing and ancillary staff. Thank you SCHA and thank you to all the patients who trust us with your care,” said Chief of Staff Dr. Shawn McKay, MUSC Health Florence Medical Center.

The Certified Zero Harm Awards is a unique statewide program thanks to SCHA’s collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC). For each award, hospitals must experience no preventable hospital-acquired infections of a specific nature over an extended period of time, and data must be independently verified by DHEC. This unique third-party verification process with the state agency provides exceptional legitimacy to these patient safety awards and is a testament to the spirit of statewide collaboration that has driven so many patient safety efforts, from the adoption of surgical safety checklists in Safe Surgery 2015 to current efforts like the Birth Outcomes Initiative and Surgical Quality Collaborative.

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center sustained 3 zero bloodstream infection awards for: 42 months in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit; 24 months in the Medical Intensive Care Unit; and 12 months in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit. The other four awards are for no Surgical Site Infections (SSI): 78 months for knee replacement; 66 months for hip replacement; 30 months for abdominal hysterectomy; and 18 months for colon.

MUSC Health Florence Rehabilitation Center was recognized with two hospital onset awards for: 60 months for no Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections award; and 36 months for Clostridium difficile (C.diff) award.

Since the Zero Harm program started MUSC Health Florence Medical Center has been awarded 50 Certified Zero Harm awards.

MUSC Health Marion Medical Center was recognized with 54 months with no Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections; 30 months with zero bloodstream infections; and 12 months Clostridium difficile (C. diff) award. For SSI, the hospital received 36 months knee replacement award and 18 months colon surgery.

The Zero Harm program began in 2014 acknowledging hospitals that are on the forefront of preventing medical errors, which by some estimates is the third leading cause of death in the United States with an adverse economic impact of up to 1 trillion dollars annually. Thanks to support from The Duke Endowment and The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Health, SCHA and South Carolina hospitals have engaged in numerous statewide efforts to create a culture of high reliability and reduce harm in our facilities by implementing robust, evidence-based practices that are making a positive impact on patients and the safety and quality of care.

Zero Harm Awards 2020:

Florence Medical Center

CLABSI CVICCU 12 Months

CLABSI MICU 24 Months

CLABSI SICU 42 Months

SSI - Abdominal Hysterectomy 30 Months

SSI - Colon Surgery 18 Months

SSI - Knee Replacement 78 Months

SSI - Hip Replacement 66 Months

Florence Rehabilitation Center

Hospital onset C.diff 36 Months

Hospital onset MRSA 60 Months

Marion Medical Center

CLABSI 30 Months

SSI - Knee Replacement 36 Months

SSI - Colon Surgery 18 Months

Hospital onset C.diff 12 Months

Hospital onset MRSA 54 Months

About MUSC Health

The MUSC Health Florence Division consists of MUSC Health – Florence and Marion Medical Centers and the employed practices of each hospital. Both hospitals and entities are a part of the MUSC family.

As the clinical health system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest quality patient care available, while training generations of competent, compassionate health care providers to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Comprising some 1,600 beds, more than 100 outreach sites, the MUSC College of Medicine, the physicians' practice plan, and nearly 275 telehealth locations, MUSC Health owns and operates eight hospitals situated in Charleston, Chester, Florence, Lancaster and Marion counties. In 2019, for the fifth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health the No. 1 hospital in South Carolina. To learn more about clinical patient services, visit muschealth.org.

MUSC and its affiliates have collective annual budgets of \$3.2 billion. The more than 17,000 MUSC team members include world-class faculty, physicians, specialty providers and scientists who deliver groundbreaking education, research, technology and patient care.

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