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## HRMC earns recognition for patient safety



**VARNVILLE, S.C. (April 29, 2019)** Hampton Regional Medical Center (HRMC) has been recognized by the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) for exemplary performance in patient safety.

HRMC earned five Zero Harm awards for prevention of hospital-acquired infections in the following areas: hip surgical site infections (SSI) for 58 months; colon SSI for 58 months; central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) in the Intensive Care Unit for 58 months; hospital onset MRSA for 24 months; and hospital onset C. diff for 18 months.

“Harm-free care is a key priority at HRMC,” said Dave Hamill, CEO, HRMC. “This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication of our clinical staff and the facility’s commitment to providing the highest quality of care.

The South Carolina Certified Zero Harm Awards program was launched in 2013 by the SCHA to publicly recognize the progress South Carolina hospitals and health systems have made in eliminating areas of harm. According to Thornton Kirby, President and CEO of SCHA, the awards are part of the Association’s efforts to guide and support the state’s hospitals in creating a culture of “Zero Harm”, by recognizing the efforts of the amazing clinicians who work every day to provide high quality care in South Carolina.

“We are proud to be recognized as a Zero Harm Award recipient,” said Kellie Gibson, RN, Clinical Performance Coordinator. “This is a notable milestone not only for HRMC, but for our patients, both local and throughout the Lowcountry, who deserve access to the best of care in a safe environment.”

“This early success — expressed in lives saved and the resulting economic impact — strengthens our resolve to focus on safety, raise the bar of expectations, and challenge our hospitals to pursue zero harm,” Kirby added. “We are in the business of saving lives, and that is what the Zero Harm Awards are all about.”

To learn more about the South Carolina Certified Zero Harm Awards program, please visit the SCHA Certified Zero Harm webpage.



**About Hampton Regional Medical Center**

Hampton Regional Medical Center is a progressive, friendly community hospital; the hospital has provided comprehensive, high quality patient care to residents throughout the region since 1950. The 32-bed hospital is 85,000 SF and has on-site 24-hour emergency care, state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging services, laboratory, surgery, and rehabilitation. The hospital campus includes two medical office buildings that house Coastal Plains Physician Associates and Primary Care. The multi-specialty physician group offers services in primary care medicine, general surgery, orthopedics, cardiology, and radiology. Additionally, the hospital works with physician specialists from around the state to provide on-site appointments in various areas including neurology, ophthalmology, oncology, and urology. For more information about Hampton Regional Medical Center, visit: [www.hamptonregional.org](http://www.hamptonregional.org).

**About the South Carolina Hospital Association**

Founded in 1921, the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) is the leadership organization and principal advocate for the state's hospitals and healthcare systems. Based in Columbia, SCHA works with its members to improve access, quality, and cost-effectiveness of health care for all South Carolinians. The state's hospitals and healthcare systems employ more than 70,000 persons statewide. Learn more about SCHA at [www.scha.org](http://www.scha.org).