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**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS RECOGNIZES
PROVIDENCE HEALTH FOR QUALITY OF CARE**

COLUMBIA, SC –The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®) has recognized Providence Health for achieving meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care in 2016. This evaluation measures the quality of hospital surgery programs. Providence Health is the only hospital in South Carolina to be honored in this year's distinction.

The high scores received by Providence Health place it in the top 10% of 680 hospitals evaluated throughout the nation for Surgical Quality.

ACS NSQIP measures the actual surgical results 30 days postoperatively, risk adjusting to account for differences among patient populations and acuity levels. The goal of ACS NSQIP is to reduce infection or illness related to a surgical procedure, reduce instances of death related to a surgical procedure, and provide a foundation for surgeons to apply the “best scientific evidence” to the practice of surgery.

Based on its July 2017 ACS NSQIP Semiannual Report data, Providence Health achieved a top-tier composite quality score related to all eight of the following outcomes for all of the surgeries it performed in 2016.

- Mortality
- Cardiac
- Pneumonia
- Unplanned Intubation
- Ventilator > 48 hours
- Renal Failure
- Urinary Tract Infection
- SSI

“Two things drive the care provided here at Providence Health: Compassion and Quality,” said Providence Health’s Chief of the Department of Surgery, Dr. W. McIver Leppard. “We are proud of the national recognition we continue to receive in these areas, and are grateful that we can provide such quality care to the Midlands.”



About Providence Health: A part of LifePoint Health, Providence Health is nationally-recognized for top-quality cardiovascular, orthopedic, and surgical services. Providence is composed of two hospitals, multiple physician practices, a network of rehabilitation centers, imaging and diagnostics labs, a school of cardiac diagnostics and an accredited chest pain center. Providence employs nearly 1,800 dedicated staff. Founded in 1938 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, Providence is known statewide for outstanding clinical quality and compassionate care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services awarded Providence Health a 4-star rating, the highest rank issued to a Columbia health care entity, and the Providence open heart surgery program has consistently ranked in the top 15 percent of open heart programs in the nation. For more information, visit YourProvidenceHealth.com.

About the American College of Surgeons: The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have significantly influenced the course of scientific surgery in America and have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 80,000 members and it is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

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