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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. As the only hospital in South Carolina to be honored in both the “All Cases” and “High Risk” case categories, Providence Health is in the top 10% of participating 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.

“At Providence Health, our high quality outcomes are the result of our physicians and clinical staff providing the best care possible to our patients each and every day,” said Providence Health’s Chief of the Department of Surgery, Dr. W. McIver Leppard. “The expertise of our staff is unmatched and we are proud to be able to provide this high level of care to the Midlands.”

Based on its July 2018 ACS NSQIP Semiannual Report data, Providence Health achieved a top-tier composite quality score related to all eight of the following outcomes for all surgeries performed in 2017.

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



ACS NSQIP is the only nationally validated quality improvement program that measures and enhances the care of surgical patients.

**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](http://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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