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Markham Stouffville Hospital Receives National Recognition from the American College of Surgeons

MARKHAM, ON (December 7, 2020) – Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) has been recognized by The American College of Surgeons’ National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) for achieving meritorious outcomes in surgical patient care in 2019. This is determined by the patient safety data resulting from inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures which is used to improve the quality of surgical care provided by the hospital. MSH has been recognized for its exemplary surgical outcomes in both the “All Cases” and “High Risk” categories.

“We are proud to receive recognition from ACS NSQIP for a second year in a row,” said Erin Landry, patient care director of surgical services, Markham Stouffville Hospital. “Our surgeons, nurses and support staff hold themselves to the highest standards to ensure patients receive the best care possible when they are entrusting their care to us, and we take this honour very seriously.”

MSH was evaluated in the clinical areas of mortality, unplanned intubation, ventilator > 48 hours, renal failure, cardiac incidents (cardiac arrest and myocardial infarction); respiratory (pneumonia); SSI (surgical site infections- superficial and deep incisional and organ-space SSIs); or urinary tract infection. MSH had outstanding composite quality scores across all eight areas.

ACS NSQIP is the only nationally validated quality improvement program that measures and enhances the care of surgical patients. Its goals are to reduce surgical morbidity (infection or illness related to a surgical procedure) and surgical mortality (death related to a surgical procedure) and to provide a firm foundation for surgeons to apply what is known as the “best scientific evidence” to the practice of surgery. Furthermore, when adverse effects from surgical procedures are reduced and/or eliminated, a reduction in health care costs follows. ACS NSQIP is a major program of the American College of Surgeons and is currently used in nearly 850 adult and paediatric hospitals.

About 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 82,000 members and it is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

About Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH)

Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) is one of Ontario's leading community hospitals. Across its two sites (Markham and Uxbridge) and the Reactivation Care Centre (RCC), the hospital has 329 beds and provides high quality, patient-centred care to more than 402,000 patients each year. It offers diagnostic and emergency services and delivers clinical programs in acute care medicine and surgery, addictions and mental health, and childbirth and children's services.

At MSH, 560 physicians, 25 midwives, 2,300 staff and 1,200 volunteers serve patients and families with an honoured to care mindset. The hospital partners with other providers to take this care beyond its walls and deliver an extraordinary patient experience to the residents of Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and beyond. For more information: visit www.msh.on.ca.

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