

## **Oak Valley Health receives national recognition third consecutive year from the American College of Surgeons**

**MARKHAM, ON (December 13, 2021)** – Oak Valley Health has been recognized for a third time in a row by the American College of Surgeons’ National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) for achieving meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care in the year 2020.

This recognition is determined by data from the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures that is used to directly improve the quality of surgical care by the organization.

Oak Valley Health is recognized for its outstanding composite quality score in “All Cases” and “High Risk” case categories in the areas of: mortality, cardiac, respiratory (pneumonia); unplanned intubation, ventilator > 48 hours, renal failure; SSI (surgical site infections-superficial and deep incisional and organ-space SSIs); and urinary tract infection for the performance period of January 1 to December 31, 2020.

“Despite the challenges faced throughout the pandemic, our surgical team continued to provide safe, high-quality patient care,” says Erin Landry, Patient Care Director of Surgical Services at Oak Valley Health’s Markham Stouffville Hospital. “Receiving this recognition for the third time in a row is a true honour and a testament to the high-quality and safe care we provide our patients every day.”

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

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### **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 Oak Valley Health:**

[Oak Valley Health](#) is one of Ontario's leading community health systems. Across our two hospitals, Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) and Uxbridge Hospital (UXB), as well as our Reactivation Care Centre (RCC), we provide high quality, patient-centred care to more than 474,000 patients each year. We offer diagnostic and emergency services and deliver clinical programs in acute care medicine and surgery, addictions and mental health, and childbirth and children's services. We are proud to be part of the Eastern York Region North Durham Ontario Health Team (EYRND OHT).

Our 489 physicians, 28 midwives, over 2,900 staff and over 1,000 volunteers serve patients and families with an honoured to care mindset and are focused on delivering an extraordinary patient experience to the residents of Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and beyond.

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