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EMH AWARDED FOR QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY – CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

ELBERTON – Elbert Memorial Hospital annually submits a project for the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) Patient Safety and Quality Award. This year the project focused on Achieving Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) after Cardio-Pulmonary Arrest. Per the American Heart Association (AHA), in one year alone, 436,000 Americans die from a cardiac arrest. The project was initiated to increase awareness, education, and to develop a "Just Culture" around speaking up and asking questions during code simulations and post cardiac arrest debriefing. The adage, "if you don't measure it, you can't improve it" applies directly to monitoring CPR quality. According to AHA, longer durations of CPR during in-hospital cardiac arrest are associated with higher rates of (ROSC) and survival to discharge.

The creation and education of a staff driven taskforce, implementing a new clinical orientation process, which includes an extensive Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) code drill with hands-on practice, and conducting monthly code drills provides for frontline employee involvement and ownership. The goal of the quality and safety improvement project was to achieve (ROSC) after cardiac-respiratory arrest.

EMH was awarded 3rd place for our Patient Safety and Quality Project at The Ritz Carlton, Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro on January 8, 2024, by the Georgia Hospital Association. The GHA Patient Safety and Quality Award recognizes health care organizations for achievement in implementing best practices to reduce the risk of adverse outcomes and improve patient safety and quality. In addition to this award, EMH was recognized and presented the Circle of Excellence Award demonstrating a sustained commitment to patient safety and quality as evidenced by winning this year, as well as winning three or more Patient Safety and Quality awards within the previous five years.

"We are pleased to honor Elbert Memorial Hospital for their innovative approach to improving patient safety," said Georgia Hospital Association President and CEO Caylee Noggle. "Their efforts have improved the health and wellness of the community, and we thank them for their important work in this area."

CEO of EMH, Tyler Taylor states, "Our goal is to provide exceptional healthcare to our community. These awards are a reflection of the action our staff is taking to provide exceptional healthcare, close to home. Our nursing and emergency management leadership team is to be commended for the education and training they are providing and the positive impact it has for this life saving effort."

About Elbert Memorial Hospital: Elbert Memorial Hospital is a 25-Bed Critical Access Hospital that has been providing care to Elbert and surrounding counties for 70 years. Services include acute care, swing bed, emergency, inpatient and outpatient surgery, radiology, outpatient rehabilitation, infusion, wound care, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation and many more. Our Mission is to provide exceptional and compassionate healthcare to our community. To learn more about Elbert Memorial Hospital visit www.emhcare.net

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