Morgan Medical Center receives patient safety and quality award from Georgia Hospital Association

Acclaimed hospital honored at Patient Safety and Quality Summit

February 14, 2025 (Madison) — Morgan Medical Center — Morgan County's acclaimed state-of-the-art community hospital and Level IV Trauma Center — was recently honored with a 2024 Patient Safety and Quality Award from the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) at its Patient Safety and Quality Summit.

"This recognition echoes our steadfast commitment to remaining strongly focused on our patients in all aspects of care," says Ralph A. Castillo, CPA, CEO of Morgan Medical Center. "Safety and quality are key pillars when it comes to achieving patient well-being and the best possible outcomes, and we're grateful for the acknowledgment."

In mid-January, several members of Morgan Medical Center's provider team presented their research project entitled "Improving Sepsis Outcomes" at GHA's Patient Safety and Quality Summit. It details the hospital's initiative put in place to greatly improve its sepsis pass rate, which is the percentage of patients diagnosed with sepsis who receive timely and appropriate care according to established sepsis management guidelines.

The project was led by Kimberly DeLoney, RN, Infection Preventionist, with oversight and contributions from Rudra Beharrysingh, MD, James Lawrence, MD, Lauren Darsey, RN, FNP-C, and Michelle Benton, RN.

The poster presentation explores Morgan Medical Center's step-by-step process for early recognition and treatment of sepsis, spotlighting methods, tools, and data collection and analysis. The project resulted in the 2024 Patient Safety and Quality Award, earning third place in the Critical Access Hospital category.

The award gives patients in the area assurance that Morgan Medical Center continues to be a convenient and trusted source for optimum health care.

"While we greatly appreciate GHA's honor, Morgan Medical Center is privileged to share what's worked for us in effort to help enhance best practices among our fellow critical access hospitals," Castillo explains. "And we'll keep educating ourselves on ways to further our sincere pursuit of excellence for our patients."

To learn more about Morgan Medical Center, please visit **MorganMedical.org**.

About Morgan Medical Center:
Morgan Medical Center is a 25-bed critical access hospital located in Madison, Georgia. As a component unit of Morgan County, Morgan Medical Center is governed by the Morgan County Hospital Authority under the direction of its nine Board members, who are each appointed by the Morgan County Commissioners. Morgan Medical Center provides a fully-staffed 24-hour emergency room, comprehensive outpatient and inpatient services, acute care, swing bed programs. Originally

opened in 1960, Morgan Medical Center was the first critical access hospital in the state of Georgia certified as a Level IV Trauma Center. Visit morganmedical.org for more information.

Interviews are available upon request.

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