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## Press Release

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### **GMHA Perioperative Nurses Recognized with 2023 CNOR® Strong Award**

(Tuesday, January 17, 2022; Tamuning, Guam) Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA)'s Surgery department was recognized for its high number of certified perioperative nurses. GMHA received the 2023 CNOR® Strong award from the Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI), which acknowledged the hospital as a "facility that advances a culture of patient safety." The CCI is a non-profit organization that focuses on perioperative professional certifications for operating room and recovery room nurses.

A perioperative nurse is a registered nurse who works in both the operating room and the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) tending to patients before, during, and after surgery or procedures requiring anesthesia. A CNOR® (Certified Perioperative Nurse) has studied and passed the exam to become credentialed. The CNOR® credential is the only accredited certification for perioperative registered nurses.

"Earning the coveted CNOR® distinction demonstrates the commitment our perioperative nurses have to preserve the highest standards in patient safety at GMHA," said Lillian Perez-Posadas, Administrator & CEO, "To have such a high number of certified perioperative nurses is a testament to the dedication these nurses possess in providing excellent and quality driven care to their patients during and after surgery. I am elated and awestruck by our surgical team and especially our perioperative nurses who have brought this coveted recognition to our hospital."

To qualify for CNOR® status, a perioperative nurse must have a minimum of two years of operative experience, with the majority spent in the operating room during procedures. The perioperative nurse must then study and pass the certification exam.

"I am proud to be a part of such talented and motivated professionals who are dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of our patients here in the GMH operating rooms. Earning this designation is a huge achievement for the unit and for this organization," said Genevieve Austria, OR/PACU Unit Supervisor.

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