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Day Kimball Hospital Receives National Recognition for Its Support of Perioperative Nursing Certification

PUTNAM, CONN. – Day Kimball Hospital is pleased to announce it has recently earned the *CNOR*[®] *Strong* designation from the Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI). The *CNOR Strong* designation is given to facilities having at least 50% of its operating room (OR) nursing staff CNOR certified, and provides programs that reward and recognize its certified nurses.

The CNOR[®] certification program is for perioperative nurses interested in improving and validating their knowledge and skills, and providing the highest quality care to their patients. Certification also recognizes a nurse's commitment to professional development. It is an objective, measurable way of acknowledging the achievement of specialty knowledge beyond basic nursing preparation and RN licensure.

Research shows that nurses who earn the CNOR credential have greater confidence in their clinical practice. Thus, a team of certified nurses who have mastered the standards of perioperative practice provides even more empowerment, further advancing a culture of professionalism and promoting improved patient outcomes. This strength in numbers is why CCI launched the *CNOR Strong* program; to recognize those facilities committed to making a difference for its patients both inside and outside of the OR.

Patient safety and positive surgical outcomes are of the utmost importance to a facility, and supporting nurses as they exceed expectations to achieve their perioperative nursing certification shows Day Kimball Hospital's commitment to its core values.

The mission of Day Kimball Healthcare is to improve the health and wellbeing of our community by providing the best medical care. "This designation is a testament to our commitment to high-quality, skilled care, and the best possible outcomes," said Anne Diamond, Day Kimball Healthcare President and CEO.

Established in 1979, CCI provides the CNOR[®] and CSSM[®] credentials to more than 35,000 registered nurses, making it one of the largest specialty nursing credentialing organizations and the leading certification body for perioperative nurses. The mission of CCI is to lead competency credentialing that promotes safe, quality patient care and that supports lifelong learning.

"I am proud to be a part of our dedicated team of professionals who are committed to making patient care the top priority," said Cheryl Petrarca, Day Kimball Healthcare Director of Surgical Services. "This achievement demonstrates our team's specialized knowledge in perioperative nursing and our culture to improve surgery outcomes for our patients."

For more information about the Competency and Credentialing Institute, visit www.cc-institute.org. For more information on Day Kimball Hospital visit daykimball.org.

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About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield and Putnam, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Conn., Day Kimball HomeMakers, and Day Kimball Medical Group. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,100 employees including nearly 300 associated, highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is www.daykimball.org.