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# [Insert Hospital Name] Wins Zero Harm Award[s] For Commitment to Eliminating Medical Errors

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The South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) has awarded [Hospital Name] for their tremendous efforts eliminating medical errors as part of their Zero Harm program.

[Hospital Name] won awards for [list awards], a testament to the dedication of their clinical staff and the facility’s commitment to the highest quality of care, even in the face of the extraordinary challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SCHA’s Zero Harm Awards were started in 2014to celebrate hospitals who have had extended harm-free stretches in major surgical areas like knee replacements, hip replacements, colon surgery, and abdominal hysterectomy or gone months without a Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI). These awards are indicative of a culture committed to patient safety and providing highly reliable care. All of the hospital data used for these awards is also independently verified by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

South Carolina hospitals are on the forefront of a larger movement towards high reliability and a Zero Harm mindset. Thanks to collaborations with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Health, South Carolina hospitals have been united in statewide efforts to create a culture of high reliability and reduce harm in our facilities by implementing robust, evidence-based practices that are making a positive impact on patients and the safety and quality of care.

According to Thornton Kirby, President and CEO of SCHA, the Zero Harm Awards are also part of the Association’s efforts to guide and support the state’s hospitals in creating true “Zero Harm” cultures by recognizing the efforts of the amazing clinicians in South Carolina’s hospital and heath systems who work every day to provide high-quality care.

“Zero Harm is about taking the principles of high reliability and applying them to how we deliver healthcare in South Carolina,” said Kirby. “The fact that the state’s hospitals increased the number of Zero Harm Awards in the midst of a global pandemic is a testament to their commitment to improving care delivery.”

For more information about [Hospital Name]’s quality efforts, go to [insert webpage name/description].

For a full list of 2020 Zero Harm winners and to learn more about the program, please visit the [SCHA Certified Zero Harm webpage](https://scha.org/initiatives/zero-harm/zero-harm-awards/)[.](https://www.scha.org/members/initiative/zero-harm-awards)