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Dear Colleagues:

We'd like to share with you some exciting news concerning recognition Backus Hospital has recently received from the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®).

The ACS NSQIP® has recognized Backus Hospital, along with Hartford Hospital, for achieving meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care. Backus and Hartford are among only 61 out of 615 hospitals considered to receive this distinction nationwide.

ACS NSQIP participating hospitals are required to track the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures and then analyze their results. These results direct patient safety initiatives within the hospital and impact the always improving quality of surgical care.

The ACS NSQIP recognition program commends a select group of hospitals for achieving a meritorious composite score. That composite score was determined through a weighted formula combining eight outcomes including mortality, cardiac (cardiac arrest and myocardial infarction, pneumonia, unplanned intubation, ventilator (> 48 hours), renal failure, surgical site infections (SSI) including superficial incisional SSI, deep incisional SSI and organ/space SSI, and urinary tract infections (UTI).

ACS NSQIP is the only nationally validated quality improvement program that measures and enhances the care of surgical patients. This program measures the actual surgical results 30 days postoperatively as well as risk adjusts patient characteristics to compensate for differences among patient populations and acuity levels.

This recognition is an impressive accomplishment and is a testament to our talented medical staff and our entire surgery team at Backus Hospital—once again proving that we offer the safest and highest quality care to our patients.

Thank you and congratulations for your part in this prestigious recognition.

Sincerely,

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