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Knox County Hospital Recognized for Delivering Quality Patient Care

The local hospital receives prestigious Gold Award for quality improvement initiatives.

KNOX CITY, Texas (April 22, 2019) – Knox County Hospital has received the TMF Hospital Quality Improvement Gold Award from TMF® Health Quality Institute. It recognizes hospitals that have undertaken quality initiatives to improve outcomes in patient care and improve their performance on specific national quality measures.

“Receiving this award is not only an honor but a testament to the hard work and commitment our team members have made to ensure the best care possible can be achieved here at Knox County Hospital,” says Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. “A significant amount of work has been placed into patient-centric care and service, and I think this award only reinforces that our initiatives are paying off.”

The Hospital Quality Improvement Award program recognizes hospitals across Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma that undertake quality improvement initiatives to enhance outcomes in patient care and improve their performance on specific national quality measures.

Out of more than 700 hospitals, Knox County Hospital was one of only 51 hospitals to earn the TMF Hospital Quality Improvement Gold Award. The Silver Award went to 50 hospitals, and 51 hospitals earned the Bronze Award.

To earn the Gold Award, eligible hospitals had to meet achievement thresholds across outpatient quality reporting measures as well as an improvement in reduction of readmissions during the award evaluation period.

For more than 40 years, TMF Health Quality Institute focuses on improving lives by improving the quality of healthcare by assisting providers and practitioners in a variety of settings improve care for their patients.

TMF Health Quality Institute sponsors this award program in partnership with a variety of organizations across its service region, including the Texas Hospital Association and the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals.

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“Quality standards have proven to save lives,” Kuehler says. “At Knox County Hospital District, all of our facilities are committed to enhancing quality improvement efforts to ensure that our patients receive the right care at the right time.”

To learn more about local healthcare programs at services in Knox County, please visit www.knoxhospital.org.

About Knox County Hospital District

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit www.knoxhospital.org.

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