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**Newberry County Memorial Hospital Wins 5 Zero Harm Awards  
for Commitment to Patient Safety**

**Newberry, SC – November 8, 2022** – Newberry Hospital is pleased to announce winning five 2022 Zero Harm Awards from the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) for our commitment to eliminating medical errors and creating a culture of high reliability throughout our facility. By pursuing a standard of Zero Harm, our hospital continues to put patient safety first in our mission to provide world-class care to the patients and communities we serve.

SCHA's Zero Harm Awards were started in 2014 to recognize hospitals that have had extended harm-free periods in major areas of surgery and other common medical procedures. These awards demonstrate that patient safety and highly reliable care are cornerstones of South Carolina hospitals. All of the hospital data used for these awards is independently verified by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control based on real healthcare outcomes.

"The Zero Harm program is a significant tool for advancing high-quality healthcare and a culture of safety in the state's hospitals," says Karen Reynolds, Executive Director of Innovation and Acceleration at SCHA. "South Carolina has developed a blueprint for reducing avoidable harm in our healthcare facilities by encouraging hospitals to develop a network for communicating and sharing best practices."

"We are tremendously proud of our clinical leaders and team members who demonstrate a steadfast commitment to providing high-quality care," says Meg Davis, MSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer at Newberry Hospital. "These Zero Harm Awards are a testament to the strength and resilience of our entire team."

This year 60 hospitals won 295 Zero Harm Awards for their commitment to delivering highly reliable care. For more information about this year's awards and a full list of winners, go to [scha.org/zero-harm](http://scha.org/zero-harm).

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**About Newberry Hospital**

*Located in Newberry, SC, Newberry County Memorial Hospital provides exceptional healthcare and wellness services to the citizens of Newberry County and across the Midlands. The hospital's services include advanced diagnostics, emergency room, labor and delivery, orthopedic surgery, rehabilitation services (adults and children), urology, wellness, wound care, ENT, podiatry and hyperbaric medicine. Newberry Hospital has received the Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience award for 7 years in a row. Newberry Hospital has received clinical awards from Healthgrades for being one of America's 100 Best for Orthopedic Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award™, Named among the Top 5% in the Nation for Overall Orthopedic Services (1 of only 2 hospitals in SC), to name a few. Received the "Drive to Zero Suicide" Award from SCHA for 2022, along with five additional Zero Harm awards. Learn more at [www.NewberryHospital.org](http://www.NewberryHospital.org). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/newberryhospitalSC/](http://www.facebook.com/newberryhospitalSC/).*