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Nashville VA hospital earns patient safety award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Valley Healthcare System has earned the VA National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS) 2017 Gold Cornerstone Recognition. Cornerstone is a national, non-monetary recognition program that highlights the important work of studying close calls and adverse events to prevent future patient harm.

“The National Center for Patient Safety is committed to creating and sustaining a culture of safety throughout the VA enterprise,” said Dr. Douglas Paull, NCPS acting chief officer. “Cornerstone is one of our foundational programs dedicated to that commitment.”

A Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facility must meet or exceed pre-established patient safety reporting criteria to achieve one of three levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver or Gold. Cornerstone criteria encompasses many aspects of patient care and process improvement such as Root Cause Analysis and Proactive Risk Assessments.

“We are honored to receive the Gold Cornerstone Recognition from the VA National Center for Patient Safety,” said Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Director, Jennifer Vedral-Baron. “This is a direct reflection of our team’s commitment to providing accessible, high-quality, safe care to Veterans.”

The VA National Center for Patient Safety – headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich. – was established in 1999 to develop and nurture a culture of safety throughout the Veterans Health Administration. The primary goal of NCPS is the nationwide reduction and prevention of inadvertent harm to patients as a result of their care.

TVHS is an integrated tertiary health care system comprised of two hospitals, the Alvin C. York Campus in Murfreesboro and the Nashville Campus, as well as more than a dozen community-based outpatient clinics located in Tennessee and Kentucky. TVHS provides ambulatory care, primary care, and secondary care in acute medicine and surgery, specialized tertiary care, transplant services, spinal cord injury outpatient care, and a full range of extended care and mental health services.

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