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Martin County Hospital District Earns National Recognition for Surgical Safety with AORN Go Clear™ Award

STANTON, TEXAS — October 2025 — Martin County Hospital District has been recognized by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) as a Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety: Smoke Evacuation, earning the prestigious Go Clear™ Award. This national recognition underscores (Facility Name)'s unwavering commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment for both patients and surgical staff by effectively eliminating the hazards of surgical smoke.

The [AORN Go Clear™ Award](#) signifies that Martin County Hospital District's surgical teams have successfully completed AORN's comprehensive, evidence-based program and implemented advanced technologies to ensure a smoke-free environment wherever surgical smoke is generated. This achievement demonstrates the facility's proactive approach to protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the operating room.

"Receiving the AORN Go Clear™ Award is a meaningful recognition of our surgical team's commitment to safety and excellence," said Nancy Cooke, CEO of Martin County Hospital District. "Protecting our patients and the healthcare professionals who care for them is always a top priority. This achievement reflects the dedication of our surgical staff to maintaining a safe environment while delivering high-quality care close to home."

Surgical smoke, a hazardous byproduct of laser and electrosurgical procedures, poses significant health risks to those exposed. Martin County Hospital District recognizes the importance of eliminating this risk and has taken proactive steps to ensure a smoke-free surgical environment.

"Surgical smoke occurs every day in operating rooms and poses health risks to those exposed to it. AORN created this program so that every facility can understand the urgency and take steps to protect the health and safety of patients, nurses, physicians, and support staff," said David Wyatt, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN, AORN CEO & Executive Director. "This Center of Excellence for Surgical Safety designation shows the community that the surgical teams at Martin County Hospital District are committed to providing high-quality care."

About Martin County Hospital District

Martin County Hospital District is a Critical Access Hospital located in Stanton, Texas, committed to delivering high-quality, compassionate healthcare to the communities it serves. MCHD offers emergency care, surgical services, primary and specialty care, rehabilitation services, imaging, laboratory services, and expanded outpatient care designed to keep advanced healthcare close to home for West Texas families.

About AORN

Founded in 1949, AORN is the leading professional organization for perioperative nurses, supporting the practice of more than 200,000 perioperative nurses by providing evidence-based research, nursing education, standards and practice resources to enable optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. AORN unites and empowers

perioperative nurses, healthcare organizations, and industry partners to support safe surgery for every patient, every time.

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