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## **Steve Balog Elected to AORN Board of Directors**

**Hilton Head, S.C.** – Hilton Head Hospital congratulates operating room nurse Steve Balog for his recent appointment to the Board of Directors for the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN).

Balog has been working as an Operating Room (OR) nurse for more than 40 years. He earned his Certified Nurse of the Operating Room (CNOR) designation during the early years of his career. He maintains this national certification by participating in continued education courses to stay abreast of industry standard practices.

"It is an honor to have one of our nurses serving on such a prestigious board," said Hilton Head Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Lerryn Crocker. "Steve has a servant's heart and AORN members will benefit from his expertise and selflessness."

"It's not about me, it's about the members," said Balog. "Being able to serve on the board is an honor and I'm excited to help others in my field, especially the younger members that have shown a genuine interest this industry."

Founded in 1949, AORN is the largest professional association for perioperative nurses. The national organization was established to bring surgical nurses, healthcare organizations, and other industries together to help them further understand the standard practices for perioperative professionals. Some of the resources provided to perioperative nurses include evidence-based guidelines, perioperative staff education, career and leadership development, and facility and health system solutions.

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## About Hilton Head Hospital

Hilton Head Hospital is a 93-bed acute care hospital located at 25 Hospital Center Boulevard on Hilton Head Island, S.C. The hospital has been serving the medical and health needs of Hilton Head Island and Bluffton for more than 40 years. The hospital provides a number of services, including specialties in cardiac care, orthopedics, spine care, breast health, surgical services, women's services, rehabilitation, diagnostic imaging, and offers senior-friendly and 24-hour emergency care. Hilton Head Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. Learn more about Hilton Head Hospital at <u>www.hiltonheadregional.com</u>.

## About Coastal Carolina Hospital

Coastal Carolina Hospital is a 41-bed acute care hospital located at the intersection of Interstate 95 and Hwy. 278 in Hardeeville, S. C. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of Jasper and Beaufort counties since November 2004. The hospital provides acute care services including intensive care, diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, surgical services, hyperbarics and wound healing, women's services, urological services, stroke services and 24-hour emergency treatment. Coastal Carolina Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation's largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about Coastal Carolina Hospital, visit <u>www.coastalhospital.com</u>.