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## Confluence Health Honored with Two Major Heart Care-Related Awards

**Wenatchee, WA:** Confluence Health was recently awarded the 2023 Award of Excellence in Cardiovascular Surgery by the Foundation for Health Care Quality as a part of the Cardiac Care Outcomes Assessment Program (COAP) for the second year in a row.

COAP is a Washington State quality improvement collaborative with 32 participating sites throughout the state with the goal of supporting hospitals and clinicians in achieving the highest levels of patient care and outcomes. To achieve this award, a facility must perform at or better than the state average on at least six of eight key quality indicators in the prior assessment year.

“We are very grateful,” remarked Dr. Sasha Kraev, cardiothoracic surgeon at Confluence Health. “Cardiac surgery is the ultimate team sport, and it takes every single one of us. This could not have happened without true dedication from everyone.”

In addition to the COAP Award of Excellence, Central Washington Hospital (now Confluence Health Hospital – Central Campus) was also recognized for a performance award from the American Heart Association. Awarded the Mission: Lifeline® NSTEMI Gold achievement award, this recognition acknowledges commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing a specific type of heart attack known as a non-ST elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI). More than 546,000 people experience these types of dangerous heart attacks each year. Recipients of the award are chosen because of their high-quality care over the course of treatment, including EMS transport, hospital treatment, and discharge.

“I’m continually impressed by the care our emergency department, catheterization lab, and inpatient teams provide,” remarked Dr. Geoff Harms, interventional cardiologist and cardiac catheterization lab medical director for Confluence Health. “We serve a large geographical area, and we couldn’t do what we do without our critical access hospitals and EMS partners. It’s a coordinated regional effort.”

### About Confluence Health

Confluence Health serves the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, covering over 12,000 square miles of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. Confluence Health is one of only two locally-lead healthcare systems in the state with the purpose of maintaining availability and access to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for North Central Washington. The Confluence Health Board of Directors provides governance for Confluence Health and includes nine community board members and six physician board members.

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