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### **CCH surgical services nurse receives prestigious certification**

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**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) congratulates, Shanon Fittje, BSN, RN, CNOR, perioperative nurse in the surgical services department, for receiving her CNOR certification. The achievement acknowledges her commitment to the highest standards of patient care and validates her specialized perioperative skills, experience and knowledge.

As the only accredited credentialing program for perioperative registered nurses, CNOR certification is the gold standard in perioperative nursing. CNOR is not an acronym. According to the Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI), the CNOR certification is defined as the “documented validation of the professional achievement of identified standards of practice by an individual registered nurse providing care for patients before, during and after surgery.”

Earning the CNOR credential is a mark of distinction and a highly sought after personal as well as professional accomplishment.

“Shanon is a very high achiever,” said Sue Hrnicek, surgical services director at CCH. “She studied hard for this certification that covers topics she may never deal with in our hospital, but a lot of it is stuff she does every day. She completed a difficult test that nurses don’t always pass on the first try. Overall, it shows that she is a proven expert in her field.”

Hrnicek noted that the certification also proves that Fittje is committed to providing the highest quality care to surgical patients.

“Our nurses have a lot of responsibilities that they have to do really quickly,” she said. “They really are the captain of the ship in the operating room. They may not be giving the medications or performing the surgeries, but they are responsible for the overall well-being of our patients.”

Fittje received her practical nursing license, prior to completing her registered nursing education at Central Community College. She continued her education by receiving her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in May 2019. She has worked in the surgical services department at CCH for three years.



“I try to be the nurse that I would want to have as a patient,” said Fittje. “By getting this certification, I hope that I am showing my patients that I am dedicated to doing my absolute best every day I come to work.”

CCH supports the CNOR program because certified nurses are confident in their skill and knowledgeable of the latest standards of practice and care. CNOR-certified nurses are leaders in operating rooms.

For more information on Fittje and the services available through the surgical services department, visit [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

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