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Pardee nurses receive national certifications

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Eileen Stepp, RN, BSN, CNOR, director of surgical services at Pardee, recently completed national certification in Perioperative Nursing. In addition, Susan J. Preble, social work case manager, received ACM (Accredited Case Manager) certification and Bonnie Stanley, RN, case manager, successfully completed her CCM (Certified Case Manager) certification.

Stepp's certification was conferred by the [Competency and Credentialing Institute](#). CNOR credentialing represents a level of professional achievement and a demonstrated knowledge of clinical competence and practice standards. Achieving a CNOR credential demonstrates proficiency in support of quality patient care and sets a standard of commitment to the profession of operating room nursing.

Perioperative nurses everywhere are being celebrated for their important role and commitment to safe patient care during the annual Perioperative Nurse Week, Nov. 8-14. Perioperative nursing is a specialized area of nursing practice, providing nursing care to surgical patients before, during and after surgery.

Preble's ACM certification was designed specifically for hospital case management professionals. "I am always striving to improve my practice and felt this



was an important milestone in my career,” said Preble. The ACM certification was created by the American Case Management Association (ACMA).

Stanley’s CCM certification is considered the gold standard in the practice of case management and is the first nationally accredited case manager credential. In her pursuit of excellence in nursing practices, Stanley chose the Commission for Case Manager Certification because the Commission has a strong research focus and has identified the competencies and job functions that exemplify best practices.

[Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in [Henderson County](http://www.pardeehospital.org). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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