

# Memorial

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## MINUTE

John Harris, CEO



### Congratulations First OR Tech and Surgical Tech Graduating Class

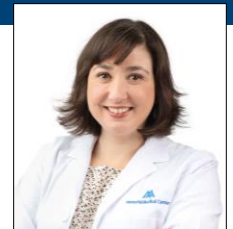


2019 Operating Room Nurse and Tech Graduating Class - Jim Krueger, RN Instructor (front, center), (back, left to right) Joseph Valles, RN, Patty Torrez, RN, Nicole Minten-Hernandez, RN, Marco Rodriguez Cortez, Tech, Laura Rodriguez, Tech.

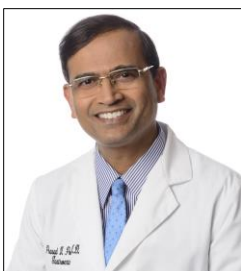
For the first time at Memorial, James Krueger, RN, BSN, a nurse in our Perioperative Medical Center, led a 12-month program that graduated 2 Certified Operating Room Technologists and 3 Certified Operating Room Nurses on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The techs can use the title of Technician in Surgery Certified and are now able to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist exam through the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT). The nurses completed the PeriOp Nurse 101 and are one step closer to being eligible to sit for the CNOR (Certified Nurse Operating Room) through the Competency & Credentialing Institute. We are honored to provide continuing education and opportunities for promotion to our employees.

### Welcome Our Newest Certified Nurse Midwife Eva Falkner

We proudly welcome the newest member of our OB/GYN team, Evangelia (Eva) Falkner, MSN, CNM. Many women in our area prefer to use a Midwife through their pregnancy, delivery, and post-partum experience. Eva moved to Las Cruces from Long Island, NY, and brings years of experience to the Memorial team. Appointments may be made by calling 575-522-9793.



### Board of Trustees Participates in Executive Patient Safety Rounding



Dr. Prasad Podila  
Board Chair

In order to ensure that our hospital nurses and techs have what they need to provide safe, quality patient care, Memorial engages in a procedure called Executive Patient Safety Rounds (EPSR). This year, our Board of Trustees has been added to the executive team making these rounds. These ESPRs are conducted on each floor and in each department of the hospital on a routine, scheduled basis. As the Board member makes rounds, he/she speaks with the employees that are directly responsible for patient care, making sure they have what they need to provide high quality, safe care. ESPRs are part of our commitment to our patients to be THEIR FIRST CHOICE for health care in our region. Memorial has distinguished itself through very high performance on nationally recognized safety standards.

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