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**Cape Coral Hospital and Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida  
Awarded for Emergency Care**

*Among only six in Florida to receive prestigious Lantern Award for  
top performing emergency departments*

(Fort Myers, Fla. – July 10, 2019) --- Southwest Florida patients in need of emergency care can rest easy knowing that two Lee Health emergency departments have been recognized among the nation's elite in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research.

The emergency departments at Cape Coral Hospital and Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida have each earned the prestigious Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Lantern Award.

"We are beyond honored to be recognized by the Emergency Nurses Association for the high level of care we provide to our patients in our emergency departments," said Scott Kashman, chief officer, hospital operations at Lee Health. "Often, ED patients are among the most vulnerable in our community, and we strive to provide every patient with a safe and compassionate experience when they come through our doors. This award is a testament to our incredible doctors, nurses and staff who create a caring environment for our patients."

With the Lantern Award, the ENA recognizes the best emergency departments in the United States across several core areas. Nationally, 28 emergency departments received the award this year, bringing the total to 69 Lantern-designated EDs in the United States. Cape Coral Hospital and Golisano Children's Hospital are the only recipients in Southwest Florida, and two of six to receive the designation in the state of Florida.

"The emergency department is a critical component of the health care delivery system and the care provided by the emergency team is often life-altering for patients and their loved ones. At Golisano Children's we take this responsibility very seriously and our team of nurses, physicians and ancillary staff are absolutely committed to the patients and families we serve. This is why we're proud to be among the national leaders for excellence in emergency care," said Armando Llechu, chief administrative officer of Golisano Children's Services.

The ENA Lantern Award designation remains with the departments for a three-year period, after which they are eligible to apply again. For more information about the award, visit:

<https://www.ena.org/about/awards-recognition/lantern/lanter-award-recipients>.

**About Lee Health**

*Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org).*