

Minnesota Valley Surgery Center of Burnsville Achieves AAAHC Accreditation

Burnsville, Minnesota, April 13th, 2021 – Minnesota Valley Surgery Center has been accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Accreditation distinguishes this outpatient ambulatory surgical center from many other outpatient facilities through its adherence to rigorous standards of care and safety. Status as an accredited organization means Minnesota Valley Surgery Center has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC. More than 6,100 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are currently accredited by AAAHC. 1095 Strong is a transformational movement and call-to-action spearheaded by the AAAHC to equip ambulatory leaders with the best of what they need to operationalize quality practices. The three-year, or 1,095-day, the period between accreditations is a critical time when ambulatory health organizations, with help from proven experts, can develop the kind of everyday habits that enable leaders in the industry to provide the utmost in quality care to their patients. Organizations, such as Minnesota Valley Surgery Center that earn AAAHC Accreditation, embody the spirit of 1095 Strong, quality every day, an ongoing commitment to high-quality care and patient safety. While the onsite survey is an important component of the process, ongoing compliance and continuous improvement are part of the accreditation maintenance mindset that a facility should integrate into its daily activities long after the survey has been completed. The intent of accreditation is for organizations to adopt policies and procedures that fuel ongoing QI and self-evaluation every day. Aimee Johnson, RN, Quality Coordinator, stated, “We want all patients we care for to know that we are endlessly working to improve the quality of care they receive at Minnesota Valley Surgery Center.” Ambulatory health care organizations seeking AAAHC Accreditation undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by AAAHC expert surveyors – physicians, nurses, and administrators who are actively involved in ambulatory care. The survey is peer-based and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.