

EXTRACORPOREAL LIFE SUPPORT ORGANIZATION



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Ricky Holloway, RN, CCRN
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Dear Mr. Holloway,

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that your ECLS Center has received the ELSO Award for Excellence in Life Support for 2014. Your application was well received and met and/or exceeded all requirements set forth by the ELSO Award. This is a remarkable achievement by your center and we offer you congratulations on behalf of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization.

A designated Center of Excellence has demonstrated extraordinary achievement in the following three categories:

1. Excellence in promoting the mission, activities, and vision of ELSO;
2. Excellence in patient care by using the highest quality measures, processes, and structures based upon evidence; and
3. Excellence in training, education, collaboration, and communication supporting ELSO guidelines that contributes to a healing environment for families, patients and staff.

The ELSO Award signifies to patients and families a commitment to exceptional patient care. It also demonstrates to the health care community an assurance of high quality standards, specialized equipment and supplies, defined patient protocols, and advanced education of all staff members.

The Award Committee noted an example from your application that is beyond expectations of the ELSO Guidelines and was noteworthy. This example is one of the reasons that your center will be recognized.

The ECLS Center has a nice benchmarking example implementing prevention of skin breakdown/pressure ulcers - showing elimination of skin breakdowns.

You will find included in this letter your Centers' total score as well as the breakdown for each category. You may compare your score to both the minimum score required to meet each standard and to the current years' Center of Excellence scores. We provide this information to allow you to benchmark your Center against all 2014 recognized Centers of Excellence to identify any opportunities for improvement. If you would like to have more information regarding individual questions and how your Center performed, please let us know.

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ECLS Centers may use the award to market themselves as distinguished leaders in critical care as it provides evidence of the commitment of the institution to high quality state of the art healthcare. The ELSO Award of Excellence is recognized by the US News and World Report and Parents magazine as one criterion for top institutions.

The ELSO Award for Excellence in Life Support is valid for a three-year period: September 2014 – September 2017. This designation is an honorary one and does not indicate a certification by the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization. Your center may re-apply for the award in 2017.

The Award Ceremony will take place at the 25th Annual ELSO Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We do hope that you will be able to attend along with members of your team for this extraordinary honor.

Sincerely,

William Lynch, MD

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Chair – ELSO Steering Committee

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