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## **Dr. Carol Koeble Receives 2011 Harris Award**

**The executive director for the NC Quality Center is honored for her achievements in health care quality improvement.**

Carol Koeble, MD, executive director for the [North Carolina Center for Hospital Quality and Patient Safety \(NC Quality Center\)](#), received the distinguished [T. Reginald Harris Memorial Award](#) in conjunction with the North Carolina Medical Society's fall meeting on October 22. This year marks the thirteenth anniversary that the award, a plaque, and a monetary prize of \$2,500, has been given by The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME) in honor of the life and memory of [T. Reginald Harris, MD](#), one of its founding members. During the event, Dr. Koeble donated the monetary prize to the North Carolina Hospital Foundation.

Her nominator, Bill Pully, president of [North Carolina Hospital Association \(NCHA\)](#), said Dr. Koeble epitomizes Dr. Harris' devotion to quality patient care. "Thanks to Dr. Koeble's leadership, health care delivery in North Carolina hospitals has transformed into a culture of quality and safety," he said.

The NCHA created the NC Quality Center in 2004. Dr. Koeble became the first executive director of the NC Quality Center in 2005.

"Since its inception, the NC Quality Center has engaged and supported almost every hospital in the state," Pully said. "It provides educational and collaborative learning programs and analysis of quality and patient safety data."

The Quality Center focuses on promoting teamwork and communication among health care professionals, ensuring evidence-based care processes through reliable system design, and gaining knowledge through organizational learning.

In addition to her work at the NC Quality Center, Dr. Koeble currently practices obstetrics part-time with WakeMed Faculty Physicians in Raleigh and serves on the National Priorities Partnership Safety Workgroup. She is a member of the North Carolina Medical Society Quality Committee and North Carolina Medical Society Foundation Surgical and Specialty Care Workgroup. Additionally, Dr. Koeble serves on the North Carolina Center for Public Quality Advisory Board and the North Carolina State Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention Plan Advisory Board.