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**WATERBURY HOSPITAL CARDIAC SERVICES  
RANKED IN TOP TEN PERCENT IN NATION**

**WATERBURY** – In a survey of hospitals across the nation, Waterbury Hospital’s Cardiac Services was recently ranked by HealthGrades in the top ten percent in the nation for coronary intervention. Additionally, the hospital was given the 2010 Coronary Intervention Excellence Award. HealthGrades is an independent health care ranking service.

The rankings and the award came as gratifying news for members of Waterbury Hospital’s cardiac care program, which has been in place for five years.

“We are extremely pleased that our program is now recognized as one of the best in the country,” said Joanne Borduas, the hospital’s Director of Outpatient Services. “The key for us is that we have an outstanding team of people who all understand their role and are committed to delivering the highest quality care possible to our patients.”

Borduas said the program relies on the teamwork and professionalism of staff members in the hospital’s Emergency Department (ED), Cardiovascular Unit and Catheterization Lab. Once a patient comes through the Emergency Department door showing signs of cardiac arrest, she said, the team works quickly to make sure the patient is stabilized and prepped for an interventional procedure such as an angioplasty.

Last year, Cardiac Services average time for getting a patient from the ED to the operating table was 60 minutes – a full 30 minutes less than the national average, Borduas said.

“We’ve had cases where we’ve had patients prepped and ready in 20 minutes,” she said. “When it comes to heart attacks, you want to save as much time as possible to minimize damage to the heart. Waterbury Hospital was also given a five-star ranking by HealthGrades for Coronary Interventional Procedures and a five-star ranking for treatment of heart failure two years in a row.

*Waterbury Hospital is the largest private employer in the Greater Waterbury region, and serves a vital role in the economic vitality of Western Connecticut. It is a private, non-profit acute care teaching hospital licensed for 367 beds and affiliated with the Yale School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Founded in 1890 as Waterbury’s first and Connecticut’s fourth hospital, Waterbury Hospital is a full-service community health-care institution with centers of excellence in primary care, cardiac services, behavioral health and orthopaedics.*

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