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Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Receives the 2017 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care

Range of treatment services, low infection rates cited in award recognition

HARTFORD, Conn. (April 3, 2017) Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been named one of America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care by the [Women's Choice Award®](#), America's trusted referral source for the best in health care. The award signifies that Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is in the top 8% of 4,789 U.S. hospitals offering cancer care services.

"Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is very proud to be recognized as a leader in cancer care by Women's Choice," said John F. Rodis, M.D., M.B.A., president, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. "This honor is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of our outstanding cancer center team to their patients. Kudos to them."

A hospital must be designated by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer Classification (ACS CoC) as one of four specific types of cancer programs to be considered for the award. The Women's Choice Award measures hospitals on the presence of specific cancer-related services offered onsite, infection rates and patient recommendation ratings on the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey. The award is unique in that criteria also include primary research about women's health care preferences.

"This award reflects the high-quality care and programs that we offer to our cancer patients and their families," said Jonathon Sporn, M.D., medical director, oncology services. "We continually strive to serve our patients in a caring and compassionate way."

"Women will search on their own for the best cancer care," said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "According to our own survey, nearly two-thirds of women would do their own research vs. letting a doctor choose a hospital for their cancer care. The Women's Choice Award makes it easier for them to make confident decisions."

Accreditation required for the award ensures that a hospital or facility offers a full range of diagnostic and treatment services, or provides integrated cancer care and comprehensive services. Accreditation also signifies that the facility participates in cancer-related clinical research.

Low infection rates compared to the national average are another important measure. Oncology patients are more susceptible than other patients to hospital-acquired infections because of their compromised immune systems.

Passi emphasized that Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and all 2017 America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care deliver on the care that matters most to women. "In addition to our award winners' high-level performance on a national level, they provide the care that women value most, including easily accessible services onsite to avoid multiple trips for their treatment, which is so important to women faced with a cancer diagnosis," stated Passi.

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is one of 412 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for cancer care in the U.S. by the Women's Choice Award.

For more information about the 2017 America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care, please visit <https://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/healthcare/>

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About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Saint Francis Medical Group.

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women's Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women's Choice Award was recently honored by the INC 5000 List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2016 for a second consecutive year.

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