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## **Safety First: Consumer Reports Names Bristol Hospital One Of The Top Three Safest Hospitals In Connecticut**

BRISTOL, Conn— Bristol Hospital has been named the third safest hospital in Connecticut according to Consumer Reports magazine.

Bristol Hospital's third place safety ranking appears in the May 2013 issue of Consumer Reports, and is based on a composite score that was calculated by a hospital's performance in five key safety measures including readmissions after discharge; complications; clear communications in such areas as drugs and discharge planning; overuse of CT scans; and infections.

Of the 29 acute care hospitals in Connecticut, only Middlesex Hospital and Saint Mary's received higher scores than Bristol Hospital which achieved particularly high marks in the areas of low bloodstream infections and its Meditech electronic medical record system.

"This ranking is further testimony to our employees' dedication to patient safety," said Kurt A. Barwis, FACHE, president and CEO of Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group Inc. "And while there is always room for improvement, our journey toward high reliability—which includes such initiatives as our morning safety huddle—reinforces our strict commitment to patient safety."

The Consumer Reports ratings come from scientifically-based data on patient experience and outcomes gathered from public sources including the federal government's version of patient experience and readmissions data on its Hospital Compare website.