



## For Immediate Release

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### **SAINT FRANCIS NAMED AMONG AMERICA'S 100 BEST IN FOUR CATEGORIES; RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR QUALITY CLINICAL OUTCOMES AND RANKED AMONG TOP 10% IN NATION IN FOUR PROCEDURAL CARE AREAS**

*Healthgrades Study of Patient Outcomes in Approximately 4,500 Hospitals Finds  
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Among the Best Nationally*

**Hartford, CT (October 28, 2013)** – Saint Francis Care has been recognized for clinical excellence in a new national report by Healthgrades, a leading provider of information to help consumers make an informed decision about a physician or hospital. Saint Francis has received top national rankings in the most recent **American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2014: Healthgrades Report to the Nation**, which evaluates hospital performance at over 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 31 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions. Saint Francis ranks among the top 5% nationally in Coronary Interventional Procedures, Overall Orthopedic Services, and, for the second year in a row, Joint Replacement; and the top 10% for Spine Surgery.

In the following categories, Saint Francis Care outperforms other hospitals in the nation:

#### America's Best 100 Hospitals

One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Coronary Intervention™ in 2014

One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Orthopedic Surgery™ in 2014

One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement™ for 2 Years in a Row (2013-2014)

One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Spine Surgery™ in 2014

#### Cardiac

Recipient of the Healthgrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award™ in 2014

- Ranked Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Coronary Interventional Procedures in 2014
- Five-Star Recipient for Coronary Interventional Procedures in 2014

#### Orthopedic

Recipient of the Healthgrades Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award™ in 2014

- Recipient of the Healthgrades Joint Replacement Excellence Award™ for 2 Years in a Row (2013-2014)
- Recipient of the Healthgrades Spine Surgery Excellence Award™ in 2014

- Ranked Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Overall Orthopedic Services in 2014
- Ranked Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Joint Replacement for 2 Years in a Row (2013-2014)
- Ranked Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Spine Surgery in 2014
- Five-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement for 8 Years in a Row (2007-2014)
- Five-Star Recipient for Total Hip Replacement for 2 Years in a Row (2013-2014)
- Five-Star Recipient for Back Surgery in 2014
- Five-Star Recipient for Spinal Fusion Surgery for 9 Years in a Row (2006-2014)

#### Pulmonary

Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Pneumonia for 4 Years in a Row (2011-2014)

#### Vascular

Five-Star Recipient for Repair of Abdominal Aorta in 2014

#### Gastrointestinal

Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of GI Bleed for 6 Years in a Row (2009-2014)

#### Critical Care

Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Respiratory Failure for 3 Years in a Row (2012-2014)

“We are honored to be recognized for our continued commitment to providing patients with top-quality care in a variety of clinical areas,” said Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. “From our patient caregivers to our support staff, continuous quality improvement is the driving force of our efforts to enhance patient care and safety,” added Dadlez.

For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 40 million Medicare patient records for nearly 4,500 short-term, acute care hospitals nationwide, assessing hospital performance relative to each of 31 common conditions and procedures. Healthgrades awards hospitals quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Detailed performance information for Saint Francis may be found at [www.healthgrades.com/find-a-hospital](http://www.healthgrades.com/find-a-hospital).

More information on the *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2014: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, including the complete methodology, can be found at [www.healthgrades.com/quality](http://www.healthgrades.com/quality).

#### **About Saint Francis Care**

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis HealthCare Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Evergreen Health Care Center, and Home and Community Health Services is also a Saint Francis *Care* Partner. Saint Francis *Care*'s services are supported by a network of seven major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com).