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**SAINT FRANCIS RANKS #1 IN CONNECTICUT FOR PATIENT SAFETY,
#1 FOR MEDICAL EXCELLENCE IN MAJOR CLINICAL CATEGORIES,
INCLUDING #1 IN OVERALL HOSPITAL CARE**

*Data Compiled and Released by CareChex[®], A Division of COMPARION
Medical Analytics, for the 2014 Hospital Quality Awards*

(HARTFORD, Conn. October 8, 2013) – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been recognized by CareChex[®], a division of Comparison Medical Analytics, for patient safety and medical excellence achievements in numerous categories in its 2014 hospital quality award rankings.

Saint Francis ranked #1 in Connecticut in the following 24 clinical and surgical areas for patient safety and medical excellence:

- Overall Hospital Care – Patient Safety
- Overall Surgical Care – Patient Safety
- Cardiac Care – Patient Safety
- Coronary Bypass Surgery - Patient Safety
- Gastrointestinal Care - Patient Safety
- Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage – Patient Safety
- Interventional Coronary Care - Patient Safety
- Joint Replacement - Patient Safety
- Major Bowel Procedures - Patient Safety
- Major Neuro-Surgery - Patient Safety
- Major Orthopedic Surgery - Patient Safety
- Overall Hospital Care - Medical Excellence
- Overall Surgical Care - Medical Excellence
- Coronary Bypass Surgery - Medical Excellence
- Gastrointestinal Care - Medical Excellence
- General Surgery - Medical Excellence
- Interventional Coronary Care - Medical Excellence
- Joint Replacement - Medical Excellence

- Major Bowel Procedures - Medical Excellence
- Major Neuro-Surgery - Medical Excellence
- Orthopedic Care - Medical Excellence
- Major Orthopedic Surgery - Medical Excellence
- Spinal Fusion - Medical Excellence
- Spinal Surgery - Medical Excellence

“These distinct honors reflect our dedication to providing quality patient care and safety toward our mission of achieving and maintaining the highest level of successful clinical outcomes,” said Christopher Dadlez, President and CEO, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. “Saint Francis has established its deserved place as a top performer in Connecticut and the country, raising the bar when it comes to overall patient quality and safety,” added Dadlez.

CareChex[®] has also ranked Saint Francis in the top 10% of hospitals in patient safety across the nation in 19 medical and surgical categories.

“CareChex[®] allows the public to make informed decisions regarding the quality of medical care provided by hospitals,” said Dr. Thane Forthman, President and CEO, Care Chex[®], a division of Comparion. “We are pleased to acknowledge that Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has achieved an exceptionally high level of performance across all components of medical quality. Saint Francis’ performance is a benchmark that other hospitals should seek to emulate.”

A link to the methodology can be found at: www.carechex.com/ScoringRatingMethods.aspx

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 Health*Care* 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.

About CareChex[®], A Division of COMPARION

CareChex[®] is a division of Comparion Medical Analytics – one of the nation’s largest privately-held healthcare information service companies. Care Chex[®] provides clinical, financial and patient satisfaction findings to consumers, providers and purchasers of U.S. medical care. Unlike other publicly available hospital quality ratings, Care Chex[®] provides a composite evaluation of all components of medical quality including process of care, outcomes of care, and patient experiences.