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Saint Francis Hospital Named One of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by IBM Watson Health

HARTFORD, Conn. (March 18, 2019) - Saint Francis Hospital was recently the only hospital in Connecticut named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by IBM Watson Health™. The annual study identifies the top-performing hospitals in the U.S. based on a balanced scorecard using publicly available data for clinical, operational, and patient satisfaction metrics.

"This kind of accolade reiterates the exceptional and collaborative teamwork carried out on a daily basis here at Saint Francis," said Dr. John Rodis, president, Saint Francis Hospital. "We recognize that providing optimal patient satisfaction, safety, and the highest quality of care requires us to consistently analyze how we can improve upon the incredible work we've already achieved. This has allowed us to continue to lower our emergency department wait times, reduce the length of stay for our patients, getting them healthier and to their home environment sooner, and be among the top hospitals in the state and nation for having lower rates of infection."

Of the top 100 nationally recognized hospitals on the list, Saint Francis is named among the top 15 "major teaching hospitals." The key performance measurements utilized by the IBM Watson Health™ study highlight how Saint Francis was able to outperform those not on the list and achieve the highest national standards in the following areas:

- **Higher Survival Rates**
- **Fewer Complications and Infections**
- **Shorter Length of Stay**
- **Shorter Emergency Department Wait Times**
- **Lower Inpatient Expenses**
- **Higher Patient Satisfaction**

“At a time when research shows that the U.S. spends nearly twice as much on healthcare as other high-income countries, yet still has poorer population health outcomes, the 100 Top Hospitals are bucking the trend by delivering consistently better care at a lower cost,” said Ekta Punwani, 100 Top Hospitals® program leader at IBM Watson Health. “The hospitals on this list represent the current vanguard in value-based care and we applaud their commitment to quality.”

Additionally, in recent weeks Saint Francis was awarded four stars for overall quality of care by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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 Of New England, a member of Trinity Health, 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, 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 Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT

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