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Saint Francis Listed among Top 100 Hospitals with Great Orthopedic Programs

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(HARTFORD, Conn., January 13, 2014) - *Becker's Hospital Review*, a leading source of information for healthcare professionals, has listed Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center among its top "100 Hospitals with Great Orthopedic Programs." The announcement recognizes orthopedic surgery departments, programs or dedicated centers that have earned special recognition.

Saint Francis is the only Connecticut hospital on the list.

According to *Becker's*, exceptional orthopedic departments include physicians who provide outstanding patient care, advance cutting-edge orthopedic research and treat professional athletes. Many of the hospitals featured on the *Becker's* list have earned recognition for orthopedic excellence from *U.S. News & World Report*, Healthgrades, CareChex and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

To devise the list, the *Becker's* editorial team weighted these rankings and recognition, and conducted additional research to find those hospitals with great orthopedic programs.

In the report, *Becker's* recognizes *The Spine Institute of Connecticut* at Saint Francis. Orthopedists and neurosurgeons at the *Institute* specialize in spinal disorders and perform the most same-day spine surgeries in Connecticut. The Hospital's orthopedic department includes 19 specialists, and more than 1,100 inpatient orthopedic procedures are performed there each year. Saint Francis received Healthgrades' 2014 awards for excellence in spine surgery, orthopedic surgery and joint replacements.

"Our goal at *The Spine Institute of Connecticut* is to provide comprehensive care to our patients from the moment they arrive, through their discharge and rehabilitation planning," said Aris Yannopoulos, M.D., Director, Spine Institute of Connecticut. "To be recognized as a national leader in orthopedic programs is indeed an honor.

"From minor strains, sprains, and back pains, to more complex spinal issues including herniated discs, scoliosis, degenerative disc, and stenosis, our nationally recognized team of physicians offers the most comprehensive range of treatment," Dr. Yannopoulos adds.

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. Its services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.com.

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