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Waterbury Hospital Receives Healthgrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence 2014
The Only Connecticut Hospital to Place Among Top 5% in Nation

Waterbury, Connecticut (February 4, 2014) – Waterbury Hospital is the only hospital in Connecticut to receive the *2014 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™* according to Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals. The distinction makes Waterbury Hospital one of the top 5% of more than 4,500 hospitals nationwide for its clinical performance.

Waterbury Hospital is one of only 260 hospitals in the U.S. to receive the 2014 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence.

“We are pleased that Waterbury Hospital’s focus on quality of care and keeping the patient at the center of everything we do has led to this outstanding achievement,” said Darlene Stromstad, FACHE, President and CEO. “This Award is a result of the talent, skills, and commitment of all of our physicians and employees. I am enormously proud of the quality of care we provide to this community.”

Hospitals receiving the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence demonstrated better than average quality care for patients undergoing treatment for up to 30 common conditions and procedures at these hospitals. This translates to a statistically significant lower likelihood of morbidity or complications.

According to Healthgrades, hospitals that achieve the Clinical Excellence Award have embedded quality into their culture.

In addition to the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, Waterbury Hospital was named one of **Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Critical Care in 2014. This is the second year in a row that Waterbury Hospital has received Healthgrades Critical Care Excellence Award.**

Other Healthgrades recognition achieved by Waterbury Hospital include:

- Five-Star Recipient for the treatment of heart attack for 4 years in a row (2011-2014)
- Five- Star Recipient for the treatment of pneumonia for 5 years in a row (2010-2014)
- Five-Star Recipient for the treatment of sepsis for 6 years in a row (2009-2014)
- Five-Star Recipient for the treatment of respiratory failure for 3 years in row (2012-2014)

“These awards of distinction from Healthgrades add to a growing list of recognitions that Waterbury Hospital has received for excellence in clinical care and safety,” said Stromstad. Previously, Waterbury Hospital was ranked as among the top hospitals in Connecticut by US News and World Report and was named one of Health Care’s Most Wired by the American Hospital Association *Hospitals and Health Networks* magazine.

“This Award clearly demonstrates our focus and priority on high quality, safe patient care,” said Stromstad. “In spite of the many challenges hospitals like ours are facing today, our organization continues our strong commitment to quality and our promise to keep our patients at the center of everything we do.”

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David Hill, MD, Dorinda Maurice, RN, and Liz Mirabile-Levens, MD are among the members of the Waterbury Hospital Critical Care team that recently learned that the Hospital was named one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Critical Care in 2014 by Healthgrades. Waterbury Hospital was the only Connecticut hospital to receive the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence 2014.