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Good Samaritan Hospital-Dayton rated #1 in Ohio for Vascular Surgery; #1 in Dayton for Joint Replacement

Rating Based on Study of Patient Outcomes at the Nation's Hospitals by HealthGrades

DAYTON, OHIO, October 13, 2009 – Good Samaritan Hospital today announced that it has been rated number one in Ohio for vascular surgery and best in Dayton for joint replacement surgery by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization.

The hospital also was recognized for its top national rankings for clinical quality with five-star ratings in nine categories. The recognition is based on HealthGrades' twelfth annual *Hospital Quality in America* study, released today, which analyzes patient outcomes at virtually all of the nation's hospitals.

"Our focus on high-quality, compassionate care is delivering nationally recognized results. Our HealthGrades ratings are a reflection of the dedication of our employees and medical staff -- we are all proud to receive such high ratings for our services," said Mark Shaker, president and CEO of Good Samaritan Hospital. "Especially with the recent opening of Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital at Good Samaritan, we are thrilled to be recognized as number one in vascular surgery for the entire State of Ohio."

In the 2010 HealthGrades ratings, specific highlights for Good Samaritan include:

- Ranked #1 in Ohio and Five-Star Rated for Vascular Surgery
- Ranked Best in the Dayton Area and Five-Star Rated for Joint Replacement Surgery
- Recipient of the following 2010 HealthGrades Specialty Excellence Awards:
 - Vascular Surgery
 - Pulmonary Care
 - Critical Care

- Five-Star Rated for:
 - Total Knee Replacement Surgery
 - Carotid Surgery
 - Peripheral Vascular Bypass
 - Overall Pulmonary Services
 - Treatment of Heart Attack
 - Treatment of Heart Failure
 - Treatment of Pneumonia
 - Treatment of Respiratory Failure
 - Treatment of Sepsis

The HealthGrades study, the largest annual report of its kind, analyzed patient outcomes in nearly 40 million Medicare hospitalization records from 5,000 hospitals over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. This year's study found:

- Across all 17 procedures and diagnoses in which mortality was studied, there was an approximate 72% lower chance of dying in a 5-star rated hospital compared to a 1-star rated hospital, and a 52% lower chance of dying in a 5-star hospital compared with the national average.
- If all hospitals performed at the level of a 5-star rated hospital across the 17 procedures and diagnoses studied, 224,537 Medicare lives could potentially have been saved from 2006 through 2008.

HealthGrades Ratings

HealthGrades' hospital ratings and awards reflect the track record of patient outcomes at hospitals in the form of mortality and complication rates. HealthGrades rates hospitals independently based on data that hospitals submit to the federal government. No hospital can opt in or out of being rated, and no hospital pays to be rated.

For 28 procedures and treatments, HealthGrades issues star ratings that reflect the mortality and complication rates for each category of care. Hospitals receiving a 5-star rating have mortality or complication rates that are below the national average, to a statistically significant degree. A 3-star rating means the hospital performs as expected. One-star ratings indicate the hospital's mortality or complication rates in that procedure or treatment are statistically higher than average. Because the risk profiles of patient populations at hospitals are not alike, HealthGrades risk-adjusts the data to allow for apples-to-apples comparisons.

More information on today's HealthGrades study, including the complete methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com.

About Good Samaritan Hospital

Good Samaritan Hospital (www.goodsamdayton.org) is a leading provider of innovative health-care services in Dayton, Ohio. The 600-bed hospital is a full-service teaching facility that delivers best-in-care cardiovascular, cancer, and orthopedic services, as well as advanced diagnostics and women's health services. It delivers the latest in outpatient treatment, rehabilitation and other services through its Good Samaritan North Health Center. The hospital has been awarded seven gold seal certifications from the Joint Commission – more than any hospital in Ohio – for its outstanding programs, including for heart failure, heart attack, coronary artery bypass surgery, breast cancer, total hip and knee replacement, and stroke care. Good Samaritan is also a recipient of the HealthGrades 2009 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, which places it among the top five percent of hospitals nationwide. These recognitions reflect the strength and talent of its staff of 600 physicians and 3,300 employees who are committed to excellence and to building a healthier community. Good Samaritan Hospital, along with Miami Valley Hospital, Atrium Medical Center and Upper Valley Medical Center, is a member of the Premier Health Partners system.

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