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Bon Secours Richmond Hospitals Named Among Nation's Best by HealthGrades

Cardiac Surgery and Obstetrics Receive Accolades from Hospital Quality Rating Company

RICHMOND, Va. - (Nov. 7, 2011) – Richmond's Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital and Memorial Regional Medical Center were named among the best hospitals in the nation by hospital quality ratings company HealthGrades. In a recently released report, HealthGrades named St. Mary's and Memorial Regional recipients of the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence and highlighted cardiac surgery and obstetrics as areas of excellence for Bon Secours Richmond overall.

Cardiac Achievements

St. Mary's Hospital was named number one in Virginia for cardiac surgery. The hospital was five-star rated for coronary bypass surgery, treatment of heart attack and treatment of heart failure. HealthGrades ranked Memorial Regional number one in Virginia for overall cardiac services and gave the hospital five stars for cardiology services, coronary bypass surgery, treatment of heart attack and treatment of heart failure.

Women's Health Achievements

St. Mary's received five stars for gynecologic surgery and Memorial Regional received five stars for overall women's health. Memorial Regional is also the recipient of the HealthGrades Women's Health Excellence Award and was ranked among the top five percent in the nation for women's health.

"Bon Secours Virginia is honored to be recognized by HealthGrades for our achievements across a range of service lines, including women's and cardiac," said Peter J. Bernard, CEO of Bon Secours Virginia. "We're proud of the physicians, nurses and staff who provide excellent and compassionate care to patients every day."

The HealthGrades report found that patients treated at a five-star rated hospital experience a 73 percent lower risk of mortality and a 63 percent lower risk of complications compared to a one-star rated hospital. A quality comparison of doctors and hospitals in Richmond can be found at <http://topcities.healthgrades.com/ratings/richmond-va/>.

About Bon Secours Virginia Health System

Bon Secours Virginia provides good help to thousands of Virginians through a network of hospitals, primary and specialty care practices, ambulatory care sites and continuing care facilities across the Commonwealth. The not-for-profit health system employs about 11,000 people, including nearly 300 physicians as part of the Bon Secours Medical Group.

The fourth largest and only faith-based health system in Virginia, Bon Secours Virginia offers a full range of services including cardiac, women's, children's, orthopaedics, oncology, neurosciences and surgery at seven award-winning hospitals.

- Bon Secours Richmond is St. Mary's Hospital, Memorial Regional Medical Center, Richmond Community Hospital and St. Francis Medical Center
- Bon Secours Hampton Roads is Maryview Medical Center, DePaul Medical Center and Mary Immaculate Hospital

About Bon Secours Richmond Foundation

Bon Secours' ministry of providing good help to those in need is supported by the Bon Secours Richmond Foundation, which raises funds to create healthy communities, advance clinical innovation and provide an extraordinary experience of care.

About HealthGrades

HealthGrades is America's most trusted, independent source of physician information and hospital quality outcomes. HealthGrades online properties are the nation's leading destination for physician search and empower more than 170 million consumers annually to make informed health care decisions.

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