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**St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Receives the 2016 Women's Choice Award®  
as one of America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care**

**Lewiston, Idaho- January 17, 2016 – St. Joseph Regional Medical Center** has received the 2016 [Women's Choice Award®](#) as one of [America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care](#). This evidence-based designation is the only cancer care award that identifies the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that considers female patient satisfaction, clinical excellence, and what women say they want from a hospital.

The list of 366 award winners, including St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, represents hospitals that have been accredited by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer, signifying Joseph Regional Medical Center's commitment to meeting the highest standards in cancer care.

St. Joseph has always been dedicated to serving every individual in our community with compassion, respect, and clinical excellence. We are grateful to all of our providers and staff who were integral in achieving this award, said Michael Rooney, MD, Interim CEO and President, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

The 2016 America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care must have received accreditation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as any of the following: a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Designated Comprehensive Cancer program, a Comprehensive Community

Cancer Program, an Integrated Network Cancer Program, or an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program. These selected hospitals were then give a score based on their patient recommendation rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Hospital Consumer Assessment for Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey.

Additional criteria considered if a hospital offered on site chemotherapy, radiation or hospice, and cancer research activities. Hospitals were penalized for having high infection rates.

“Women have many choices when it comes to cancer care, but now they can make informed choices based on rigorous evidence based criteria. As a cancer survivor who faced a challenging journey to recovery, I wish I had the Women’s Choice Award as a resource to spare me unnecessary fret and error,” said Delia Passi, Founder and CEO of the Women’s Choice Award.

For more information on the 2016 America’s Best Hospitals for Cancer Care visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/best-hospitals/cancer-care/>

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#### **ABOUT ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center is the largest full-service medical center providing advanced-level specialty healthcare in the region. Our commitment to providing exceptional care for our community means having highly skilled and certified physicians on our healthcare team, and a quality facility with the latest in medical technology. St. Joseph offers more than 120 board-certified physicians and providers, active in primary care and specialty practice. Our medical group collective of 56 providers represents 19 specialties, from primary and family practice, to breast imaging, oncology and cardiology. At St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, we are committed to personal care, and strive to enhance the quality of life of the community we serve through the promotion of health, by assuring compassion, sharing knowledge, providing technology, and communicating a love for what we do. St. Joseph Regional Medical Center – together in health.

#### **ABOUT THE WOMEN’S CHOICE AWARD®**

The Women’s Choice Award® sets the standard for helping women make smart choices through education, empowerment, and validation. Awards are determined by evidence-based research and identify the brands, products and services most recommended and trusted by women. Visit [www.WomensChoiceAward.com](http://www.WomensChoiceAward.com) to learn more.