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Time is critical in an emergency

Women's Choice Award® Announces America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care

Ft. Lauderdale, FL – June 14, 2016 – The [Women's Choice Award®](#), America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare, has announced the 2016 [America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care](#). This evidence-based designation is the only emergency care award that identifies the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence.

"We have found that recommendations are an important consideration used by women in selecting a hospital for themselves and their family," says Delia Passi, CEO and Founder of the Women's Choice Award. "By helping women know which hospitals in their area provide the best critical care, we are able to help them make better decisions, especially when it comes to emergency situations," added Passi.

The list of 360 award winners represents hospitals that have provided exceptional patient care and treatment, signifying their commitment to meeting the highest standards in emergency care for women, their families and their community.

The following hospitals have partnered with the Women's Choice Award in empowering women and their families to make the best healthcare choices:

- Adventist Health/Walla Walla General Hospital, Walla Walla, WA
- Daviess Community Hospital, Washington, IN
- Doctors Hospital of Augusta, Augusta, GA
- Fremont Health Medical Center, Fremont, NE
- Hamilton General Hospital, Hamilton, TX
- Holy Family Memorial Medical Center, Manitowoc, WI
- INTEGRIS Health Edmond, Oklahoma City, OK
- INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center, Oklahoma City, OK

- Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys, OH
- Lafayette General Southwest, Lafayette, LA
- Lafayette Regional Health Center, Lexington, MO
- Lake Huron Medical Center, Port Huron, MI
- Lawrence Medical Center, Moulton, AL
- Lone Peak Hospital, Draper, UT
- Los Alamos Medical Center, Los Alamos, NM
- Mille Lacs Health System, Onamia, MN
- Prairie Lakes Healthcare System, Watertown, SD
- Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, Polson, MT
- Reston Hospital Center, Reston, VA
- Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center, Mount Vernon, KY
- Salina Regional Health Center, Salina, KS
- Sheridan Memorial Hospital, Sheridan, WY
- St. Clare Hospital, Baraboo, WI
- St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee, MN
- St. John River District Hospital, East China, MI
- St. Mary's Janesville Hospital, Janesville, WI
- St. Petersburg General Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL
- The Bellevue Hospital's Emergency Department, Bellevue, OH
- The Emergency Department at Sparrow Carson Hospital, Carson City, MI
- Waynesboro Hospital, Waynesboro, PA

The America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care are hospitals that consistently rank among the best of the 3,500 hospitals reporting on the performance of their respective Emergency Departments. They are judged on the following Emergency Department performance measures reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):

1. Average number of minutes before outpatients with chest pain or possible heart attack got an ECG,
2. Average time patients spent in the Emergency Department, before they were admitted to the hospital as an inpatient,
3. Average time patients spent in the Emergency Department before they were seen by a healthcare professional,
4. Average time patients spent waiting in the Emergency Department, after the doctor decided to admit them as an inpatient, but before leaving the Emergency Department for their inpatient room,
5. Average time patients spent in the Emergency Department before being sent home,
6. Average time patients who came to the Emergency Department with broken bones had to wait before receiving pain medication,

7. Percentage of patients who came to the Emergency Department with stroke symptoms who received brain scan results within 45 minutes of arrival,
8. Percentage of patients who left the Emergency Department before being seen.

Each of the measures indicated above were weighted according to a survey of over 1,000 women on their relative priority, and listed above in order of importance. In addition, hospitals that fell within the bottom 25th percentile for patient recommendation scores were eliminated from consideration for the award.

For each Emergency Department measure, the top 25th percentile and the top 50th percentile are determined for all hospitals reporting the measure. Hospitals that ranked in the top 25% nationwide for a measure received points according to the measure's relative importance. Hospitals that ranked between 25% and 50% received half points. Points were then totaled for all measures, per hospital. Those hospitals with total scores that placed them in the top 10% nationally, earned the Women's Choice Award.

In a recent survey conducted by the Women's Choice Award, over 80% of women said they would feel more confident in choosing a hospital that had been awarded with an elite distinction, based on strict medical criteria and what women valued most.

For a complete listing of the 2016 America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/best-hospitals/emergency-care/>

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ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women's Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women's Choice Award was recently honored as #1088 on the INC 5000 List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2015, as well as selected from more than 500 nominees for Florida Companies to Watch in 2015, a statewide program managed by GrowFL which celebrates the Florida's top second stage companies. Visit www.womenschoiceaward.com to learn more.

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