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TRUMBULL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED WITH EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

Trumbull Memorial Hospital Ranked Among Top 5% in the Nation for Women's Health

WARREN, OH (November 18, 2009) - Trumbull Memorial Hospital ranks among the top 5% in the nation for Women's Health outcomes, according to HealthGrades, the nation's leading independent healthcare ratings organization. The hospital is also 5-star rated for women's health.

As a result of these findings, Trumbull Memorial Hospital is a recipient of the HealthGrades 2009/2010 Women's Health Excellence Award™, which will be presented at a special awards ceremony on Thursday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

The *Sixth Annual HealthGrades Women's Health in American Hospitals* study released earlier this year analyzed patient outcomes for the in-hospital treatment of 16 procedures or diagnoses concerning women's health. The study found that wide gaps persist between the quality of care at best- and worst-performing hospitals and that a total of 18,089 lives could have been saved and 6,849 complications avoided if all eligible hospitals performed at the level of the best performing hospitals in women's health.

Women's Health outcomes were separated into several aspects of care: Women's Medicine (heart attack, congestive heart failure, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and stroke); Women's Cardiovascular Procedures (coronary bypass surgery, peripheral vascular bypass, coronary interventional procedures, resection/replacement of abdominal aortic aneurysm, carotid surgery, and valve replacement); and Women's Bone & Joint Health (total knee and total hip replacement surgeries, spinal surgeries, and hip fracture repair).

"At TMH, our physicians, nurses and staff continually strive for excellence and ways to improve quality, safety and clinical outcomes," said Robert Wolleben, Chief Operating Officer. "This prestigious award is a testament to their teamwork and commitment to provide high quality services and the very best patient care."

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 the HealthGrades study, including the complete methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com.

About Trumbull Memorial Hospital

Trumbull Memorial Hospital is dedicated to providing the highest quality, state-of-the-art services and advanced care. The hospital, a level III trauma center and accredited chest pain center, offers a comprehensive range of medical, surgical and specialized services, several of which include cardiovascular surgery, orthopedics, oncology, critical care, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology.

An area healthcare leader, Trumbull Memorial has received many accolades and continues to be recognized for quality outcomes and care. Solucient/Thomson 100 Top Most Improved Hospital Award, Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, the American Heart Association Silver Performance Achievement Award-GWTG for coronary artery disease, and Certificates of Distinction for heart failure and myocardial infarction by the Joint Commission are among the many recognitions received by TMH.

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