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Grandview/Southview Earn Clinical Excellence Distinction for Seventh Consecutive Year

Only 47 U.S. Institutions Have Such A Streak in HealthGrades' Study

DAYTON – Grandview and Southview medical centers have continued their streak, earning HealthGrades' Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ for the seventh consecutive year. It's an achievement only 47 American institutions can claim.

Based on a study of Medicare data over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, Grandview/Southview continue to rank in the top five percent for overall quality among the nation's 5,000 non-federal hospitals. No other Dayton area hospital has earned this distinction seven straight years from HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization.

“Our clinicians, administration and support staff have all made a sustained commitment to quality outcomes, and we take great pride in the fact that other hospitals come to us to see how we implement best practices,” said Grandview Medical Center System President Richard Haas. “The real winners from this Distinguished Hospital Award (DHA) are the patients who know they can expect exceptional care when they come to Grandview and Southview medical centers.”

HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study demonstrated that Grandview/Southview

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and other hospitals in the top five percent far exceeded non-DHA hospitals in their patient outcomes. Patients admitted to DHA hospitals had risk-adjusted mortality rates that were, on average, 29% lower than all other hospitals. Risk-adjusted complication rates were, on average, 9% lower than all other hospitals.

“Our data shows that only a select few hospitals achieve high-quality patient outcomes not just in a few categories of care, but across the board and over time,” said Rick May, MD, a vice president with HealthGrades and an author of the study. “Patients in communities with a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence should feel proud of the hospital’s accomplishments, and confident that the level of care there is among the very best in the nation.”

As a group, Grandview and Southview medical centers and those identified as being in the top 5% in the nation improved their mortality rates at a faster pace than all other hospitals. Over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, the HealthGrades study found that Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence lowered their risk-adjusted mortality rates over the three years by an average of 14%, compared with a 10% average improvement of all other hospitals.

In addition to Grandview and Southview Medical Center’s ranking in the top 5% nationally for overall clinical excellence for seven years in a row, the hospital has also received HealthGrades Excellence Awards for its Pulmonary Care, Critical Care and Gastroenterology Services.

Methodology

This is the eighth year that HealthGrades has independently analyzed the clinical quality performance of all non-federal hospitals across the country in 26 procedures and diagnoses. In the study, the company reviewed approximately 40 million hospitalization records from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. All hospitals that participate in the Medicare program were part of the independent study. Hospitals that receive the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence are those hospitals that rank in the top 5% when all 26 individual scores are aggregated into an overall score.

A full copy of the study is available at <http://www.healthgrades.com> or by contacting Scott Shapiro at sshapiro@healthgrades.com.