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Ball Memorial Hospital named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals®

MUNCIE—Ball Memorial Hospital has been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® for cardiovascular care.

Thomson Reuters annual study identifies 100 hospitals that set the highest national performance levels for both clinical and managerial excellence in cardiovascular care. Ball Memorial Hospital was one of four Indiana hospitals in the top 100 and the only Teaching Hospital in Indiana without a Cardiovascular Residency to make the list.

“This is a significant honor for the physicians and employees at Ball Memorial Hospital,” said Michael Haley, President and CEO, Ball Memorial Hospital. “This designation illustrates beyond a doubt, that Ball Hospital is a leader in the state and a leader in the country in cardiovascular care.”

Thomson Reuters has released a 100 top hospitals list for cardiovascular benchmarks every year since 1998. The researchers analyzed 2007 and 2008 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review data, 2008 Medicare cost reports, as well as data from other sources.

The rankings are based on eight equally weighted performance criteria that reflect use of evidence-based medicine, superior clinical outcomes, high procedure volume, great efficiency, and reasonable cost. The analysis focused on acute myocardial infarctions, heart failures, coronary artery bypass grafts and percutaneous coronary interventions.

The measures were calculated for three classes of hospitals with the following number of winners in each:

- Teaching with cardiovascular residency programs – 30 winners
- Teaching without cardiovascular residency programs – 40 winners
- Community hospitals – 30 winners

“To earn a national award like this reflects the high standards for care that are carried out everyday,” said Claire Lee, Senior Administrative Director, Quality and Safety. “It’s a positive reflection of each and every employee and physician at BMH and the extra effort they put forth to keep our patients safe and provide them with the best care.”

The study found that the 100 Top Hospitals cardiovascular winners have:

- 17 percent lower mortality rates for heart attack patients.
- 10 percent lower mortality rates for heart failure patients.
- 27 percent lower mortality rates for bypass surgery patients.
- 22 percent lower mortality following Percutaneous Coronary Interventions.
- Fewer post-operative complications-99 percent of patients were complication free.
- Close to 12 percent shorter average hospital stay.
- 12 percent lower cost per case.
- Significantly lower readmission rates.

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Clarian Health is a preeminent leader in health care, education, research and service. Clarian Health is Indiana's most comprehensive academic medical center and one of the busiest health systems in the United States. Based out of Indianapolis, Clarian owns and affiliates with multiple hospitals and health centers throughout Indiana and maintains a strong partnership with the Indiana University School of Medicine—the nation's second largest medical school and a global leader in medical education and research. Learn more at www.clarian.org.

About Ball Memorial Hospital (BMH)

Ball Memorial Hospital serves as a tertiary referral center and teaching hospital for East Central Indiana. Ball Hospital is a Clarian Health Partner, accredited by the Joint Commission and maintains 1.2 million square feet of facilities. More than 18,000 patients are admitted every year and 150,000 outpatient procedures are completed annually. Michael Haley is President and CEO of BMH. Learn more at www.accessbmh.org.

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