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St. Joseph Medical Center Receives Healthgrades 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award

Kansas City (May 8, 2018)] – St. Joseph Medical Center brings high quality and safe healthcare to Kansas City by announcing today that it is a recipient of the Healthgrades 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award™, a designation that recognizes superior performance of hospitals that have prevented the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays.

St. Joseph Medical Center is the only hospital in Kansas City, MO to receive this recognition along with the Leapfrog A Safety Grade Award.

St. Joseph Medical Center is a member of Prime Healthcare, and Prime Healthcare has more Patient Safety Excellence Award recipients for three consecutive years (2016-2018) than any other health system in the country.

“We applaud the hospitals who have received the Healthgrades 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award,” said Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Healthgrades. “Their dedication and commitment to providing safe care creates tangible results for patients.”

The distinction places St. Joseph Medical Center among the top 10 percent of all acute care hospitals reporting patient safety data for its excellent performance as evaluated by [Healthgrades](#), the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

“Our recent awards including the Healthgrades 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award demonstrates the tremendous commitment and expertise of our caregivers,” said Jodi Fincher, RN, BSN, MBA, Administrator of St. Joseph Medical Center. “We take patient safety very seriously to earn our patients’ trust everyday. Thank you to our physicians, nurses, technicians, volunteers and staff who collaborate to consistently provide high-quality care to patients and families in the South Kansas City and the wider Kansas City area. We are proud of this achievement.”

During the 2014 to 2016 study period, Healthgrades found that patients treated in hospitals receiving the Patient Safety Excellence Award were, on average:

- 55.6 percent less likely to experience an accidental cut, puncture, perforation or hemorrhage during medical care, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals
- 52.4 percent less likely to experience a collapsed lung due to a procedure or surgery in or around the chest, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals
- 62.8 percent less likely to experience catheter-related bloodstream infections acquired at the hospital, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals

- 54.3 percent less likely to experience pressure sores or bed sores acquired in the hospital, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals¹

During the study period (2014 to 2016), Healthgrades 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award recipient hospitals demonstrated excellent performance in safety provided for patients in the Medicare population, as measured by objective outcomes (risk-adjusted patient safety indicator rates) for 13 patient safety indicators defined by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

If all hospitals achieved the average performance of award recipients for each of the 13 Patient Safety Indicators evaluated, during the 2014 to 2016 study period, 126,342 patient safety events could have been avoided.

In addition to Healthgrades, St. Joseph Medical Center has excelled at passing stringent audits with honors from The Joint Commission, The Leapfrog Group, the American Heart Association, Women's Choice Award, and many more re-certifications for acute-care and specialty care services across the country.

View Healthgrades [hospital quality methodologies](#).

Access the recently released [Patient Sentiment Report](#) from Healthgrades and MGMA, which analyzed nearly 7 million online patient reviews and reveals what patients say about their physicians.

¹ Statistics are based on Healthgrades Patient Safety Ratings and Excellence Award methodology, which is primarily constructed using AHRQ Technical Specifications version 5E applied to MedPAR data for years 2014 through 2016 and represent three-year estimates for Medicare patients only.

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About St. Joseph Medical Center

St. Joseph Medical Center is a faith-based, 310-bed hospital providing a wide range of acute care and outpatient services. Key services include the, Senior Care Services, St. Joseph Heart Institute, Breast Center and Joint and Spine Institute. St. Joseph is a member of Prime Healthcare. Prime Healthcare and its hospitals have been recognized as among the "100 Top Hospitals" in the nation 42 times and among the "15 Top Health Systems" three times, and Prime Healthcare is the only "Top 10 Health System" west of the Mississippi. We believe that continuous, quality of care and performance improvements are the foundation for preserving and enhancing healthcare delivery. For more information, visit stjosephkc.com.

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