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**NATIONAL STUDY NAMES ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER ONE OF AMERICA'S 100
BEST HOSPITALS FOR THREE SPECIALTIES**

*St. Mary's is also among the top 5% of hospitals in the nation for four specialties:
stroke care, overall gastrointestinal services and general surgery*

SAN FRANCISCO (Oct. 23, 2013) – St. Mary's Medical Center has been recognized as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for stroke care, gastrointestinal care and general surgery by Healthgrades, the leading online resource that helps consumers search, compare and connect with physicians and hospitals. St. Mary's was also ranked among the top 5% of hospitals in the nation for these services, in addition to gastrointestinal medical care.

The achievements are part of findings released today in *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2014: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, which demonstrates how clinical performance differs dramatically between hospitals and the impact that this variation may have on health outcomes. Healthgrades evaluated nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 31 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions and identified the 100 best hospitals within each procedure.

St. Mary's Medical Center's 5-star rating indicates clinical outcomes are better than expected when treating the condition or conducting the procedure being evaluated. St. Mary's received 5-star awards from Healthgrades in the areas of esophageal/stomach surgeries, spinal fusion surgery and stroke care, and treatment of gastrointestinal bleed, bowel obstruction, pancreatitis, respiratory failure, sepsis, pneumonia and heart failure. St. Mary's has also been recognized with 2014 Healthgrades Excellence Awards for stroke care, gastrointestinal care and general surgery

"We could not be more proud to be among the top hospitals in the country for the treatment of Stroke, Gastrointestinal Care and General Surgery," said Anna Cheung, President of St. Mary's Medical Center in San Francisco. "We strive in providing excellent quality care to all of our patients and are honored for this recognition from HealthGrades."

About the Report

For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 40 million Medicare-patient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide, assessing hospital performance relative to each of 31 common conditions and procedures. Healthgrades awards hospitals quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5 star (statistically better than expected), 3 star (statistically as expected) and 1 star (statistically worse than expected) categories. Detailed performance information, such as cohort-specific outcomes data and quality achievements for individual hospitals may be found at www.healthgrades.com/find-a-hospital.

St. Mary's Medical Center has received several recognitions from Healthgrades, including:

America's 100 Best Hospitals

- Stroke Care, 2014
- Gastrointestinal Care, 2014
- General Surgery, 2014

Top 5% in the Nation

- Stroke Care, two years in a row, 2013-2014
- Overall Gastrointestinal Services, 2014
- General Surgery, 2014
- Gastrointestinal Medical Treatment, 2014

Five-Star Awards

- Stroke Care, four years in a row, 2011-2014
- Bowel Obstruction, three years in a row, 2012-2014
- Bariatric Surgery, 2013
- Gynecologic Surgery, 2013
- Heart Failure, two years in a row, 2013-2014
- Sepsis, two years in a row, 2013-2014
- Esophageal/Stomach Surgeries, 2014
- Gastrointestinal Bleed, 2014
- Pancreatitis, 2014
- Pneumonia, 2014
- Respiratory Failure, 2014
- Spinal Fusion Surgery, 2014

Excellence Awards

- Stroke Care, two years in a row, 2013-2014
- Gastrointestinal Care, 2014
- General Surgery, 2014

About St. Mary's Medical Center

St. Mary's Medical Center, a Dignity Health Member, is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital that has been caring for the people of the San Francisco since 1857. Located across from Golden Gate Park, it is longest continual running hospital in San Francisco. St. Mary's is home to the nation's first digital cardiac catheterization laboratory and has pioneered spine surgery like the X-Stop for the treatment of spinal stenosis. St. Mary's has also been designated as a 2012 Blue Distinction Center for Spine and Hip/Knee Replacement Surgery and is a Certified Stroke Center by the Joint Commission. In 2011, St. Mary's opened a state-of-the-art Cancer Center, offering the full-range of oncology, radiation and imaging services. Beyond clinical care, St. Mary's is committed to furthering the healing ministry, and to providing high-quality, affordable healthcare to the community we serve. For more information, please call 415-668-1000 or visit www.stmarysmedicalcenter.org.

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