

Christiana Care recognized as nationally top-ranked hospital for providing community value

Christiana Care Health System has been recognized as a nationally top-ranked Community Value Five-Star hospital by Cleverley and Associates, an independent health care data and consulting services firm in Columbus, Ohio.

Based on the firm's analysis, Christiana Care ranks as one of the top hospitals in the United States in terms of the value it provides to the community, scoring in the top 20 percent of facilities across the country and making it a Five-Star hospital in the rankings. The analysis evaluated Christiana Care among its peers in the "high intensity teaching hospital" category for the 2009-2011 period.

This is the second consecutive year Christiana Care has received the Five-Star ranking. In 2010, the firm rated Christiana Care as a Top 100 hospital.

Cleverley and Associates evaluates hospitals using a proprietary community value index to rank hospitals on 10 measures, assessing a hospital's performance in four key areas:

- Financial viability and plant reinvestment
- Hospital cost structure
- Hospital charge structure
- Hospital quality performance

The index suggests that a hospital provides value to the community when it is financially viable, appropriately reinvests back into the facility, maintains a low cost structure, has reasonable charges and provides high-quality care to patients.

Cleverley and Associates released the findings about Christiana Care as part of its new publication "State of the Hospital Industry-2013 Edition."