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## U.S. News & World Report Ranks Christiana Care Health System Among America's "Best Hospitals"

(WILMINGTON, Del. – July 15) <u>Christiana Care Health System</u> has been ranked one of the nation's best hospitals by U.S. News & World Report.

In its annual Best Hospital edition, the publication places ranks Christiana Care's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology No. 24 and Christiana Care's Section of Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases No. 33 in those specialties among hospitals nationwide.

U.S. News ranks Christiana Care No. 1 in Delaware. Among the 96 hospitals in the Philadelphia Region, U.S. News ranks Christiana Care No. 3, an improvement from No. 5 in 2013.

Christiana Care is one of just 144 hospitals – or three percent – of nearly 5,000 U.S. hospitals the publication evaluated this year for U.S. News' Best Hospital list.

"This honor recognizes our efforts to transform care and belongs to all Christiana Care employees and our physician partners," said Robert Laskowski, M.D., Christiana Care president and CEO. "Such recognition fundamentally speaks to the value of The Christiana Care Way and our commitment to partner with our patients and their loved ones in their care."

The publication evaluates hospitals in 16 adult specialties. In most specialties, it ranks the nation's top 50 hospitals and recognizes other high-performing hospitals that provide care at nearly the level of their nationally ranked peers.

Though not ranked numerically, U.S. News also rated Christiana Care as a high-performing hospital in the following 10 specialties:

- Cancer
- Cardiology & Heart Surgery
- Ear, Nose & Throat
- Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
- Geriatrics
- Nephrology
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedics
- Pulmonology
- Urology

According to U.S. News, objective data stands behind the rankings in most specialties – survival rates, patient safety, volume of procedures, nursing care and other information. The publication also uses a reputation score from a national physician survey.

To review the ratings, visit http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals.

## **About Christiana Care Health System**

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Thomas Jefferson Medical College, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care also features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers the highest level of non-surgical care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/whoweare.

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