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U.S. News & World Report Ranks Christiana Care tops in 4 specialties
Only Delaware Hospital Listed

Wilmington, Del. – *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Hospitals" issue places Christiana Care Health System in the top 50 in 4 medical specialties: Endocrinology; Respiratory Disorders; Ear, Nose and Throat; and Digestive Disorders. Only 173 out of 5,462 institutions graded met *U.S. News'* standards in one or more specialties.

"Being listed in *U.S. News'* America's Best Hospitals is a tribute to the hard work and continued commitment of our physicians, surgeons, nurses and staff to clinical excellence, patient safety, and patient care," says Bob Laskowski, M.D., president and CEO.

According to *U.S. News*, hospitals were ranked by specialty, rather than specific procedures, because the guide's goal was "to identify facilities that excel at treating a variety of demanding illnesses and procedures within a specialty, not just a few." Each institution's score in 12 specialties was calculated based on a hard-data analysis of objective indicators, specific to the specialty, such as mortality rates, number of discharges, nursing care and use of technology. All these components produced a summary of overall quality of inpatient care.

Dr. Laskowski adds, "Christiana Care works every day to provide our community with the very best in health care. Recognition like this speaks strongly to the success of our efforts. I thank all of my colleagues because this award truly belongs to them."



The magazine issue of America's Best Hospitals 2007 will be available on newsstands Monday, July 16th. For a detailed listing of the rankings, please visit

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About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System, which dates back to 1888, is one of the region's largest not-for profit health care providers, serving the people of Delaware as well as neighboring areas of Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A teaching hospital, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest intensity). Christiana Care operates two hospitals, transitional care services, preventive medicine and rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physician offices and an extensive range of outpatient and home health services. Christiana Care provided \$32.4 million of charity care last year.