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Christiana Care Health System's Center for Advanced Joint Replacement at Wilmington Hospital Celebrates Expansion

(WILMINGTON, Del. – Aug. 27, 2013) <u>Christiana Care Health System</u>'s new Center for Advanced Joint Replacement at Wilmington Hospital opens Sept. 3rd, offering patients access to one of the most advanced and comprehensive programs for hip and knee replacement in the nation.

Christiana Care's Center for Advanced Joint Replacement is located on the 7th floor of Wilmington Hospital and features 30 private rooms for patient recovery as well as a new therapy gym. Christiana Care performs the highest number of joint replacements for patients in the Philadelphia region, with more than 2,000 total hip and knee replacements annually, which in terms of volume ranks in the top 20 nationwide.

"Through our new joint center, we are partnering with our neighbors to significantly enhance the patient- and family-centered experience when they are under our expert care," said Brian Galinat, M.D., chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Christiana Care. "Our patients can feel confident knowing that they will receive expert help through our innovative and effective systems of care, beginning when they are initially seen by their surgeon and continuing as they successfully recover from their operation and are able to resume doing the activities they enjoy."

Christiana Care also was one of only 128 hospital health systems in the nation – and the only hospital health system in Delaware – to earn the highest rating for knee surgery in *Consumer Reports* current issue on hospital surgery ratings. Christiana Care uses a team-based approach to care resulting in clinical outcomes that are among the best in the nation.

The new center represents another key milestone in the Wilmington Hospital Transformation Project, which, when completed in 2014, will expand Wilmington Hospital by 337,000 square feet, creating a 1 million-square-foot, state-of-the-art medical center.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking as the 21st leading hospital in the nation and 11th 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, as well as for its Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest capability). 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.

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