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U.S. News & World Report Ranks Christiana Care Health System One of Nation's "Best Hospitals"

Delaware's Largest Health System ranks No. 3 in Philadelphia Region

(WILMINGTON, Del. – July 21) <u>Christiana Care Health System</u> has been ranked one of the nation's best hospitals by U.S. News & World Report.

The publication ranks Christiana Care No. 1 in Delaware and No. 3 among the 96 hospitals in the entire Philadelphia region.

In its annual Best Hospital edition, the publication ranks Christiana Care's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Christiana Care's Section of Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases and Christiana Care's Section of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, in the top 50 in those specialties among hospitals nationwide.

Christiana Care is one of just 137 hospitals – or three percent – of nearly 5,000 U.S. hospitals that are ranked in at least one specialty for this year's U.S. News' Best Hospital list.

"This honor is a very special recognition that belongs to our employees, physician partners and our patient and family advisers," said Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, Christiana Care president and CEO. "This award is a reflection of our steadfast commitment to advance the Christiana Care Way by helping the people we are privileged to serve achieve optimal health and an exceptional experience through the value-driven care we provide."

The publication evaluates hospitals in 16 adult specialties. In most specialties, it ranks the nation's top 50 hospitals and other high-performing hospitals.

Among the nation's hospitals, Christiana Care ranked:

- No. 26 in the specialty of Diabetes & Endocrinology
- No. 34 in the specialty of Gynecology
- No. 39 in the specialty of Pulmonology

U.S. News also rated Christiana Care as a high-performing hospital in the following eight specialties:

• Gastroenterology & Gastrointestinal Surgery

- Geriatrics
- Nephrology
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedics
- 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.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Christiana Care Medical Group, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. 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 this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

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

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