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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*

(NEWARK, Del. – Aug. 8) In its annual report on the nation's "Best Hospitals," U.S. News & World Report ranked the Christiana Care Health System as No. 3 in the Philadelphia region where there are more than 90 hospitals.

The 28th annual hospital rankings compared nearly 5,000 American medical centers and, in addition to its high regional standing, Christiana Care was ranked No. 1 among hospitals in the state of Delaware. Only 152 hospitals in the United States made the ranking.

"Our consistent Best Hospitals rating in U.S. News & World Report is a testament to the commitment of our extraordinary clinicians and staff to providing compassionate, high-quality care across our health system in The Christiana Care Way," said Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, Christiana Care president and CEO. "We are pleased to be recognized again for our efforts to help our patients and our communities achieve optimal health with the best in innovative and value-driven care."

Among hospitals nationwide, Christiana Care scored a notable national rank in several areas. The hospital system scored:

- 34th in Diabetes & Endocrinology
- 36th in Nephrology
- 37th in Gastroenterology & GI Surgery

In addition, U.S. News & World Report rated Christiana Care as a high-performing hospital in the following four specialties:

- Geriatrics
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Orthopedics
- Pulmonology

Common adult procedures were also ranked and the following nine interventions were viewed as high-performing areas of service – aortic valve surgery; abdominal aortic aneurysm repair; heart bypass surgery; heart failure procedures; colon cancer surgery; hip replacement; knee replacement; lung cancer surgery; and interventions to assist with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

The Best Hospitals ranking methodology includes objective measures such as patient survival, number of patients, rates of infection, adequacy of nursing staff and home discharge.

### **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 11th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, 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 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.

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