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St John's Hospital, home of the Prairie Heart Institute, named one of the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals for third consecutive year

SPRINGFIELD, IL – St. John's Hospital, home of the Prairie Heart Institute, has been named one of the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics. Truven Health Analytics is a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare.

The Truven Health 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study evaluates performance in key areas: risk-adjusted mortality, risk-adjusted complications, core measures (a group of measures that assess process of care), percentage of coronary bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, 30-day mortality rates, 30-day readmission rates, severity-adjusted average length of stay, and wage- and severity-adjusted average cost. This is the sixth time St. John's has been recognized with this honor and the third consecutive year.

St. John's Hospital has been at the forefront of heart and vascular care since performing the first open heart procedure in the region in 1964. Since that time many other "firsts" have taken place because of the partnership between Prairie Heart and Hospital Sisters Health System

"Prairie Heart Institute at St. John's Hospital has long been the region's cardiac care leader," said Charles L. Lucore, MD, MBA, FACC, Vice President of Clinical Integration for St. John's Hospital. "This award, along with other recent recognitions for quality of care, confirms that the Prairie Heart Institute is the place to be if you need heart care. I would like to thank Truven for this designation and congratulate all the staff at Prairie Heart Institute and St. John's for the hard work they do every day to provide exceptional care for our patients."

"St. John's Prairie Heart Institute consistently ranks among the nation's premier heart hospitals and this announcement underscores our commitment to providing the highest quality care to our patients," added Larry Schumacher, Interim President and CEO, St. John's Hospital. "The physicians, clinicians and staff members who care for our heart patients can be proud that their good work is being recognized as among the very best in the country."

Truven Health Analytics researchers analyzed 2011 and 2012 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) data, 2012 Medicare cost reports, and 2013 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare data. The winning hospitals were announced in the November 4th edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

"This year's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals have delivered excellent care in a time of sweeping change in the healthcare system," said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and the 100 Top Hospitals® program at Truven Health Analytics. "Their success is a testament to the strong focus by cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, and cardiovascular service administrators and staff on basic care and outcomes."

If all cardiovascular providers in the U.S. performed at the level of this year's winners:

- 8,600 additional lives could be saved
- \$1 billion could be saved
- 3,200 additional bypass and angioplasty patients could be complication-free

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research is available at 100tophospitals.com. For more information on Truven Health Analytics, visit truvenhealth.com.

ABOUT THE PRAIRIE HEART INSTITUTE

The Prairie Heart Institute (PHI) is one of the largest heart and vascular programs in the nation. It serves communities throughout central Illinois and conducts community-based clinics in over 20 communities in this area. In addition, PHI has many subspecialists in the field of heart and vascular care as well as over on hundred clinical research projects every year. St. John's Hospital was named one of the nation's 50 Top hospitals for cardiovascular care by Thomson Reuters for 2012. HealthGrades designated St. John's as a recipient of the America's 100 Best Hospitals for Overall Cardiac Services and Cardiac Surgery for 2012 and 2011. PHI at St. John's Hospital was also named one of the nation's Top 50 hospitals for coronary bypass surgery in 2013, 2012, 2011. This recognition was based on data submitted by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

ABOUT HOSPITAL SISTERS HEALTH SYSTEM

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and in Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.