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## **Grandview/Southview Listed Among America's 50 Best Hospitals**

*HealthGrades Recognizes Two Area Medical Centers for  
Sustained, Outstanding Clinical Performance*

**Dayton, OH (February 24, 2010)** – Grandview and Southview medical centers announced today that they have been named among America's 50 Best Hospitals for 2010 in a report issued by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization.

The report, which analyzes objective patient outcomes at 5,000 of the nation's hospitals, places Grandview/Southview in the top 1 percent of all hospitals in the nation for the second consecutive year. Grandview/Southview is the only institution in the greater-Dayton region to receive this designation from HealthGrades.

“This is so much more than a shiny trophy to place in the lobbies of Grandview and Southview,” said Richard Haas, President of Grandview Medical Center System. “It means that our clinicians and support staff are completely focused on doing what is best for our patients at both medical centers. When you

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make this short list, your patients can clearly expect the best in consistent clinical quality, and they deserve nothing less than that.”

According to the report, there is a wide variation in quality when comparing the Medicare patient outcomes of Grandview/Southview and the rest of the HealthGrades America’s 50 Best Hospitals against all others. Patients admitted to America’s 50 Best Hospitals are, on average, 27 percent less likely to die and 8 percent less likely to suffer from a major complication when compared with patients admitted to other hospitals. If all hospitals operated at the same level as the 50 Best, 164,964 deaths and 18,900 in-hospital complications could have potentially been prevented each year.

“Other hospitals from our area and from around the country have come to Grandview/Southview to learn how we do it, and we are glad to show them,” said Troy Tyner, DO, Quality Improvement Chair. “Better quality means more cost-efficient healthcare, and that is an added benefit of increasing importance with healthcare reform ranking so high on the national agenda.”

To determine HealthGrades America’s 50 Best Hospitals, HealthGrades analyzed more than 130 million Medicare hospitalization records from every non-federal hospital in the nation. Specifically, hospitals were evaluated based on the risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates across 26 procedures and treatments, from hip replacement to bypass surgery. Hospitals that were in the top 5 percent of all hospitals for the most consecutive years were named HealthGrades America’s 50 Best Hospitals. The full methodology can be found in the report posted at <http://www.healthgrades.com>.

Grandview and Southview medical centers have earned the HealthGrades’ Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence seven consecutive years (2004-2010) by ranking in the top 5% nationally. Grandview/Southview also received HealthGrades’ 2010 Excellence Awards for its Pulmonary Care, Critical Care and Gastroenterology Services.

“The HealthGrades America’s 50 Best Hospitals have demonstrated clinical outcomes that are the best in the nation, and they have sustained that level of quality year in and year out,” said Rick May, MD, a HealthGrades’ vice president and one of the study’s authors. “That indicates that these hospitals have leadership, operational structures and clinical teams that are capable of producing excellence in a way that others cannot. These hospitals should be congratulated, and those in their community should feel proud of the quality of care being delivered.”

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