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Mayo Clinic Lauded in Quality Rankings, Most Recently by US News & World Report

ROCHESTER, Minn. — There are many external agencies that rate quality in health care and Mayo Clinic is top ranked for <u>quality</u> by more well-known national assessment organizations than any other academic medical center in the nation.

"These endorsements reinforce our century-old commitment to provide the highest quality care to each patient every day. While no single set of measures can perfectly represent health care quality, we are proud to be recognized by so many," says <u>John Noseworthy, M.D.</u>, Mayo Clinic's president and CEO. "We are honored by this recognition, and we remain focused on our primary mission: putting the needs of our patients first and creating for them the best possible, most trusted and affordable model of health care for the future."

Most recently, Mayo Clinic was highly rated in the 24th US News & World Report annual America's Best Hospitals list released today. As in 2012, Mayo earned the No. 3 overall spot on the "Best Hospitals" list. Mayo ranked No. 1 in the nation in five clinical areas — gynecology, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, nephrology and pulmonology. This is more No. 1 rankings than any other provider. In addition, Mayo is ranked No. 2 in five additional specialties — cardiology & heart surgery, ear, nose & throat, geriatrics, neurology & neurosurgery and orthopedics. Mayo Clinic earned the No. 1 spot in Minnesota, ranked No. 1 in Arizona and specifically in the Phoenix metro area, and earned the No. 1 rank as best hospital in the Jacksonville area.

Hospitals included in the U.S. News <u>Honor Roll</u>, such as Mayo Clinic, are part of an elite group recognized for "breadth of excellence," according to the magazine. To make the magazine's "Honor

Roll," a medical center has to rank at or near the top in at least six specialties included in the rankings. Mayo Clinic ranked in the top five in 14 specialties of the 16 specialties. Mayo Clinic landed a ranking of No. 1 or No. 2 in ten of the 12 specialties that are measured based on reputation, services and volumes, safety and clinical outcomes.

Mayo Clinic's specialty rankings with links to detailed rankings for each specialty area are as follows: gynecology (1); diabetes & endocrinology (1); gastroenterology & GI surgery (1); nephrology (1); pulmonology (1); cardiology & heart surgery (2); ear, nose & throat (2); geriatrics (2); neurology & neurosurgery (2); orthopedics (2); cancer (3); rheumatology (3); urology (3); rehabilitation (5); psychiatry (7); and ophthalmology (15).

The Arizona campus of Mayo Clinic also ranked nationally in cancer (33), ENT (25), gastroenterology & GI surgery (20), geriatrics (17), gynecology (26), nephrology (21), neurology & neurosurgery (38), orthopedics (43), pulmonology (50), and urology (31). In addition, the Arizona campus was recognized as high performing in cardiology & heart surgery, diabetes & endocrinology, and rheumatology.

The Florida campus of <u>Mayo Clinic</u> ranked nationally in cancer (34) and was recognized as high performing in diabetes & endocrinology, ENT, gastroenterology & GI surgery, geriatrics, gynecology, nephrology, neurology & neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology and urology.

Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire is ranked No. 4 in Wisconsin and is recognized among the Best Hospitals in Northwestern Wisconsin. The Eau Claire facility is also nationally ranked in urology (No. 50) and was also recognized as high performing in cardiology & heart surgery, diabetes & endocrinology, gastroenterology & GI surgery, geriatrics, orthopedics and pulmonology.

Mayo Clinic Health System in <u>Mankato</u> is ranked No. 14 in Minnesota and is recognized among the Best Hospitals in Southern Minnesota. The Mankato facility is also recognized as high performing in orthopedics.

"Our employees work diligently every day to make each patient's experience the best it can be, and that's reflected in the fact that we consistently rank highly in quality measurements," says Dr. Noseworthy. "We have a deep commitment to delivering the highest quality care that best meets patients' needs. We owe our success to truly dedicated staff working together with an unwavering focus on the patient that I believe is unmatched, anywhere."

Many private organizations and government agencies recognize hospitals for high levels of quality and safety. Each uses its own assessment of what best determines hospital quality, and as a result, rankings often differ.

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The following organizations recognize Mayo Clinic for high levels of quality and safety: <u>U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals Honor Roll</u>; <u>UHC Quality Leadership Award</u>; <u>The Leapfrog Group Top Hospitals</u>; <u>Leapfrog Hospital Safety Score</u>; <u>ACNN Nursing Magnet status</u>; <u>Consumer Reports hospital safety</u>; <u>The American College of Surgeons and National Surgical Quality Improvement Program</u>.

The <u>rankings</u> were announced today on U.S. News & World Report web site. Print versions of the guidebook editions will be on sale starting Aug. 27.

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