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#### **ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL: THE ONLY ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S 50 BEST FOR SEVENTH YEAR**

*The Healthgrades America's 50 Best Hospitals list includes hospitals which rank among the top one percent in the nation for clinical excellence.*

**Chesterfield, Mo., February 19, 2013** – St. Luke's Hospital is the only hospital in St. Louis to be named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals in 2013 by Healthgrades. This is the seventh year in a row (2007-2013) that St. Luke's has achieved this designation, and St. Luke's is the only hospital in St. Louis to be named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals since the inception of the list.

As one of America's 50 Best Hospitals, St. Luke's ranks among the top one percent of hospitals in the nation for clinical excellence based on survival and complication rates. According to Healthgrades, patients admitted to an America's 50 Best Hospital are more likely to have successful treatment without major complications. For example, out of all the St. Louis hospitals that Healthgrades evaluated for the treatment of heart attack, St. Luke's is among the hospitals with the highest survival rates.

"Providing the highest quality of care to our patients is our focus each day," said Jan Hess, St. Luke's Hospital vice president. "Achieving the designation as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals is the result of the entire hospital team working together to fulfill our mission to improve the quality of life for all of our patients."

Healthgrades is an independent healthcare ratings organization that annually rates each of the nation's nearly 4,500 non-government hospitals that treat Medicare patients. Hospitals cannot opt out of this analysis, and no hospital pays to be evaluated.

Its website, Healthgrades.com, offers consumers a guide to doctors and hospitals nationwide.

To determine America's 50 Best Hospitals, Healthgrades analyzed millions of Medicare patient records from 2005 through 2011 for 27 common medical procedures and conditions, from the treatment of heart attack to knee replacement surgery. The data is risk adjusted, which takes into account differing levels of severity of patient illness at different hospitals and allows for hospitals to be compared equally.

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According to another 2013 Healthgrades report, St. Luke's Hospital is ranked best in the St. Louis region\* for overall cardiac services and cardiac surgery. Healthgrades also named St. Luke's No. 1 in Missouri for neurosurgery, neurosciences (neurosurgery and stroke treatment combined), overall pulmonary services, critical care and gastrointestinal medical treatment in 2013.

St. Luke's is also the recipient of the Healthgrades Emergency Medicine Excellence Award (2011 and 2012), Pulmonary Care Excellence Award (2005-2012), Women's Health Excellence Award (2009-2012) and Outstanding Patient Experience Award (2012).

**About St. Luke's Hospital:**

St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo. is a regional healthcare provider committed to improving the quality of life for patients and the community. The 493-bed, not-for-profit hospital offers care in more than 60 specialty areas and serves the region from more than 20 locations across the greater St. Louis area. For more information, visit [stlukes-stl.com/newsroom](http://stlukes-stl.com/newsroom).

\*Region is St. Louis, MO-IL defined by the federal government's Office of Management and Budget

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