

MTMC nets 2011 excellence award

Study ranks MTMC 4th for orthopedic surgery

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Middle Tennessee Medical Center has received a 2011 Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award by HealthGrades, the leading independent health-care ratings company, and was named fourth in Tennessee and the top 10 percent in the nation for orthopedic surgery.

Other HealthGrades awards

include top five-star ratings in hip fracture repair, overall orthopedic surgery, joint replacement surgery and total knee replacement.

HealthGrades' annual study of hospital quality is the most comprehensive study nationwide.

"We've placed significant focus on our orthopedic program, adding specialists and enhanc-

ing services in order to provide the highest level of care here locally," said Gordon B. Ferguson, MTMC president and CEO. "The expertise of our orthopedic surgeons and operating room staff are proving to be among the best in the nation."

MTMC offers orthopedic surgical options for everything from hand and wrist injuries to total hip and knee replacements, including computer-assisted knee replacements.

"The recognition of MTMC

as a five-star hospital in orthopedic surgery is the result of working as a team to accomplish the best possible outcomes for our patients," said MTMC Chief of Orthopedics and orthopedic surgeon Michael R. Jordan. "Everyone from the operating room nurses to the surgeon team is committed to providing excellent care."

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five-star rating for the treatment of diabetic acidosis and coma, which means the patient's blood sugar levels are managed appropriately to prevent coma or life-threatening emergencies.

In this year's study,

HealthGrades analyzed approximately 40 million Medicare discharges from almost every U.S. hospital from 2007 through 2009. HealthGrades' data found that if all hospitals performed at the level of a five-star rated hospital, 232,442 Medicare lives could potentially have been saved

from 2007 through 2009. Individual hospital quality results from this study are available at www.healthgrades.com.

MTMC is a 286-bed private, not-for-profit, faith-based hospital. MTMC is a member of Saint Thomas Health Services, which includes Baptist and Saint

Thomas hospitals in Nashville and Hickman Community Hospital in Centerville and is a member of Ascension Health, a Catholic organization that is the largest not-for-profit health system in the United States. For more information, visit www.mtmc.org.