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Joint Commission recognizes Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital as Top Performer

*Accreditation honors Memorial for quality care in 4 areas:
heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care*

YAKIMA — Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital has been recognized as a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*® for 2013 by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditation entity of health care organizations in the United States.

The announcement recognizes Memorial as a top performer in four areas: heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

“It is a testament to our exemplary physicians and staff at Memorial to be recognized as a Top Performer by The Joint Commission,” Memorial CEO Russ Myers says. “To be specifically recognized in the areas of heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care speaks to the dedication that each and every employee places on ensuring safe, high-quality care for our patients and visitors.”

The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 20,500 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including hospitals and health care organizations that provide ambulatory and office-based surgery, behavioral health, home care, laboratory and nursing home services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

The Top Performer program supports health care organizations in their quest to improve programs and service to patients. The program is based on data reported in the previous year about evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to be the best treatments for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children’s asthma, inpatient psychiatric services, stroke and immunization.

The results, released Thursday in The Joint Commission’s 2014 annual report, “America’s Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety,” are based on data reported by more than 3,300 Joint Commission accredited hospitals in 2013. Overall, the Joint Commission recognized 1,224 hospitals across the country with the 2013 Top Performer distinction. Memorial is one of 17 Washington state hospitals so recognized, and one of just nine in the state recognized in more than three clinical areas.

The full report can be found here: jointcommission.new-media-release.com/2014_annualreport/.

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