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### **St. Cloud Hospital Tops In Nation, Again, In *U.S. News & World Report* Ranking**

**St. Cloud, Minn.** – *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked **St. Cloud Hospital** as one of only 29 hospitals in the nation with strong ratings in the handling of two chronic conditions and seven surgical procedures.

The annual rankings evaluated more than 4,500 hospitals for how they handle two chronic conditions – **chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart failure** – and seven surgical procedures:

- Colon cancer surgery
- Lung cancer surgery
- Heart bypass surgery
- Aortic valve surgery
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair
- Knee replacement and hip replacement

Less than 1 percent of hospitals evaluated received a top rating in all nine procedures and conditions. St. Cloud Hospital was one of only three hospitals in Minnesota that received this distinction along with Mayo Clinic, Rochester and Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis. St. Cloud Hospital is also one of only 18 hospitals that received this ranking last year.

St. Cloud Hospital also ranks nationally in three adult specialties: **cardiology & heart surgery, pulmonology and geriatrics**. Each specialty is ranked within the **top 50** in the nation. According to *U.S. News and World Report*, to be nationally ranked in a specialty, a hospital must excel in caring for the sickest, most medically complex patients.

“I am proud of the dedication to excellence and commitment to continuous improvement demonstrated by our physicians and staff every day. The external recognitions we receive are

validation of our efforts in the journey to provide the best possible care for our patients and improving the health of our communities," said Craig Broman, President, St. Cloud Hospital and CentraCare Health Regional Hospitals.

St. Cloud Hospital was also rated as high performing in six adult specialties and nine procedures and conditions.

*U.S News and World Report*, a digital news and information company, releases these annual ratings that are "designed to help patients and health care consumers make informed decisions about where to receive care for specific medical needs."

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