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MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL HOSPITAL IS NAMED AMONG TOP 5% IN THE NATION FOR SPINE SURGERY

Healthgrades Study Finds Patients Treated at Hospitals Receiving 5 Stars are 61% Less Likely to Experience a Major Complication

Casper, WY (October 23, 2012) – Spine surgery at Mountain View Regional Hospital is in the top 5% in the nation according to a new report from Healthgrades, the leading provider of information to help consumers make an informed decision about a physician or hospital. The report, ***American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation***, evaluates how approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide performed on risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates for nearly 30 of the most common conditions treated and procedures performed from 2009 through 2011.

Hospital outcomes and complication rates are important in the eyes of consumers making choices today about their healthcare. According to new research conducted by Harris Interactive for Healthgrades, 90% of Americans in 27 top designated market areas agree they would be more likely to choose—or not choose—a hospital if they could learn ahead of time their chances of complications for a certain procedure.

Other notable Healthgrades recognitions include:

America's Best 100 Hospitals

- One of HealthGrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Spine Surgery™ for 2 Years in a Row (2012-2013)

Orthopedic

- Recipient of the HealthGrades Spine Surgery Excellence Award™ for 3 Years in a Row (2011-2013)
- Ranked Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Spine Surgery for 3 Years in a Row (2011-2013)
- Ranked #1 in WY for Spine Surgery for 3 Years in a Row (2011-2013)
- Ranked Among the Top 5 in WY for Spine Surgery for 3 Years in a Row (2011-2013) (Ranked 1 in 2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Spine Surgery for 3 Years in a Row (2011-2013)

- Five-Star Recipient for Back and Neck Surgery (except Spinal Fusion) for 3 Years in a Row (2011-2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Back and Neck Surgery (Spinal Fusion) for 3 Years in a Row (2011-2013)

"It is an honor to be ranked among the top 5% in the nation for spine surgery for 3 years in a row by Healthgrades. This award serves as a vote of confidence in the work we are doing every day to ensure we are exceeding the expectations of our patients and their families. Our physicians and staff work everyday to provide excellence and this recognition from Healthgrades confirms their efforts and hard work," says Jeff VanHorn, CEO of Mountain View Regional Hospital.

For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 40 million Medicare hospitalization records for services performed from 2009 through 2011 at approximately 4,500 short-term, acute care hospitals nationwide. Patients being treated in hospitals receiving 5 stars have, on average, 61% lower risk of experiencing a complication while in the hospital than if they were treated by hospitals receiving 1 star (based on 2009-2011 data across nine common procedures and diagnoses such as total knee replacement, gallbladder, and spine surgeries). Additionally, a total of 183,534 in-hospital complications could potentially have been avoided if all hospitals performed at a 5-star level.

The 2013 Healthgrades hospital quality outcomes were posted today and are free to the public at www.healthgrades.com.

Mountain View Regional Hospital is committed to excellence in every aspect of service. The neurosurgical team is world renowned and brings best demonstrated practices to everyday processes. The team and staff strive to incorporate new technology, seek ways to improve processes through the development of new instrumentation, and are open to new procedures including minimally invasive spine surgery. Their vision is to become the facility of choice for spine surgery throughout the Region. Mountain View Regional Hospital works hard to meet and exceed all clinical and surgical standards in order to provide each patient a positive experience with low risk and minimal complications.

Healthgrades independently measures hospitals based on data that hospitals submit to the federal government. No hospital can opt in or out of the analysis, and no hospital pays to be measured. Healthgrades risk adjusts for patient demographic characteristics and clinical risk factors, thereby taking into account how sick patients are upon admission.

More information on the ***American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation***, including the complete methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality.

About Mountain View Regional Hospital

Located in Casper, Wyoming, Mountain View Regional Hospital is one of the Rocky Mountain region's premiere neurosurgical and spine hospitals. Their patient-centered environment is staffed by compassionate and caring professionals who are committed to providing nothing less than clinical excellence.

In addition to neurosurgical care, Mountain View Regional Hospital offers pain management, orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery, general surgery, gastroenterology, plastic and

reconstructive surgery, neurology, chiropractics, gynecology and ear, nose and throat surgery, as well as medical imaging services.

With highly skilled and experienced physicians and a 4:1 patient/nurse ratio, Mountain View Regional Hospital continuously meets patient needs with the most advanced medical procedures and personalized care. For more information, please visit www.MVRHospital.com.

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