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### **St. Luke's Hospital -- Highest Ranking Local Hospital on 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare List**

*Modern Healthcare's national list ranks St. Luke's the 22<sup>nd</sup> best healthcare employer.*

**CHESTERFIELD, MO, October 29, 2008** – St. Luke's Hospital ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> on *Modern Healthcare's* "100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare" list, making it the highest ranking hospital in St. Louis.

This new workplace listing recognizes healthcare organizations that enable employees to perform at their optimum level to provide patients and customers with the best possible care and service.

To determine these workplaces, *Modern Healthcare* partnered with Best Companies Group, a Harrisburg, Pa.-based firm that conducts "best places to work" programs nationwide. It collected information from both the employer and employees and was open to all healthcare companies (providers, suppliers, payers, associations, etc.) with at least 25 employees.

Employers who volunteered to participate completed a survey detailing company policies, practices, benefits and demographics. Employees were asked an in-depth set of questions that resulted in an analysis of eight core areas: leadership and planning, culture and communications, role satisfaction, working environment, relationship with supervisor, training and development, pay and benefits and overall satisfaction.

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

St. Luke's Hospital, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, is a premier, regional healthcare provider, specializing in individualized care. Medical services include cardiovascular care and surgery, cancer care, neurosurgery and neurology, orthopedics, maternity and other women's health, general medicine, outpatient services, pediatrics and comprehensive surgical services. St. Luke's Hospital was recognized in 2007 and 2008 as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals™ by HealthGrades®, a leading independent healthcare ratings company. St. Luke's Hospital is the only healthcare facility in a six-state region (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas) to be named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals--ranking among the top one percent in the nation based on superior clinical quality over an eight-year time period. St. Luke's Hospital is also a proud member of the Spirit of Women® Hospital Network, a coalition of hospitals and healthcare providers across the United States that ascribe to the highest standards of excellence in women's health, education and community outreach. For more information about St. Luke's Hospital, please visit [www.stlukes-stl.com/newsroom](http://www.stlukes-stl.com/newsroom).