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ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL NAMED A TOP PERFORMER IN NATIONAL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

CHESTERFIELD, MO, November 24, 2010 – St. Luke's Hospital has been named a top performer for providing high quality, safe and cost-effective patient care in the second year of a voluntary three-year nationwide hospital performance improvement initiative.

The Premier healthcare alliance QUEST®: High Performing Hospitals collaborative includes more than 200 not-for-profit hospitals across the United States. In the first two years of the project, QUEST hospitals saved 22,164 lives and \$2.13 billion.

Developed in partnership with Premier and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), QUEST hospitals share ideas and best practices to create strategies to ensure every patient receives the right care at the right time and in the right manner.

“Providing top quality care is at the very core of our mission to improve the quality of life for our patients and the community,” said Jan Hess, St. Luke's Hospital vice president. “Participating in the QUEST collaborative is another way we continue to ensure that we are delivering the highest quality care to each of our patients, and we are honored to be named a top performer.”

QUEST hospitals also receive guidance from an advisory panel of experts made up of 20 of the country's top health organizations, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the National Quality Forum and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

About St. Luke's Hospital:

St. Luke's Hospital, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, is a regional healthcare provider committed to improving the quality of life for patients and the community. The 493-bed, not-for-profit hospital offers more than 60 specialty areas including 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 was the only Missouri hospital recognized in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 as an America's 50 Best Hospital™ by HealthGrades®, ranking among the top one percent in the nation based on superior clinical quality.

St. Luke's Hospital is also part of the Spirit of Women® Hospital Network, a coalition of hospitals and healthcare providers across the United States that ascribes to the highest standards of excellence in women's health, education and community outreach.

About the Premier healthcare alliance, Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient

Premier is a performance improvement alliance of more than 2,400 U.S. hospitals and 70,000-plus other healthcare sites working together to achieve high quality, cost-effective care. Owned by hospitals, health systems and other providers, Premier maintains the nation's most comprehensive repository of clinical, financial and outcomes information and operates a leading healthcare purchasing network. A world leader in helping deliver measurable improvements in care, Premier works with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the United Kingdom's National Health Service North West to improve hospital performance. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Premier also has offices in San Diego, Philadelphia and Washington.

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