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St. Luke's Hospital Rated Best in Missouri for Pulmonary Services

National study gives St. Luke's five-star ratings in several additional specialties.

CHESTERFIELD, MO, October 14, 2008 – The 11th Annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America Study ranked St. Luke's Hospital among the top performers in a wide variety of clinical specialties.

For the second year in a row, the Chesterfield hospital is rated best in Missouri for pulmonary services, such as treatment of pneumonia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

The study was conducted by HealthGrades, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization, and it focused on hospital survival and complication rates. HealthGrades analyzed more than 41 million Medicare hospitalization records from 2005 to 2007 at the nation's approximately 5,000 non-federal hospitals.

Earlier this year, St. Luke's was named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals by HealthGrades for the second consecutive year. It is the only healthcare facility in Missouri to receive this distinction.

"We're proud to continue to receive recognition for our ongoing commitment to patient safety and quality care," said Gary Olson, St. Luke's Hospital president and chief executive officer. "These ratings are a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our physicians, nurses, technicians, staff and volunteers."

Today, HealthGrades made available its 2009 quality ratings at www.healthgrades.com, a Web site designed to help patients research and compare local healthcare providers. Hospitals with outcomes that are above average to a statistically significant degree receive a five-star rating. Hospitals with average outcomes receive a three-star rating, and hospitals with outcomes that are below average receive a one-star rating.

St. Luke's Hospital received five-star ratings for the following:

- Treatment of Pneumonia
- Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Back and Neck Surgery with Spinal Fusion
- Treatment of Sepsis

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- Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism
- Gastrointestinal Surgeries and Procedures (such as small bowel resection)
- Treatment of Gastrointestinal Bleed
- Treatment of Bowel Obstruction

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.

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