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**Report Names Glendale Memorial Hospital one of HealthGrades
America's 50 Best Hospitals for the 4th Year in a Row**

Glendale— Glendale Memorial Hospital announced today that it has been named a HealthGrades America's 50 Best Hospital for 2010 in a report issued by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization. The report, which analyzes objective patient outcomes at all 5,000 of the nation's nonfederal hospitals, places Glendale Memorial Hospital in the top 1 percent of all hospitals in the nation.

According to the report, Medicare patient outcomes are superior at Glendale Memorial Hospital and the rest of the HealthGrades America's 50 Best Hospitals when compared to other hospitals. Patients admitted to America's 50 Best Hospitals are, on average, 27 percent less likely to die and 8 percent less likely to suffer from a major complication when compared with patients admitted to other hospitals. If all hospitals operated at the same level as the 50 Best, 164,964 deaths and 18,900 in hospital complications could have potentially been prevented.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the top 50 hospitals in the country, and we are proud that our community can benefit from having close access to such high-quality care," said Mark Meyers, president of Glendale Memorial. "This recognition is also a testament to the caliber of physicians and employees at Glendale Memorial. Their hard work and dedication to quality patient care played an integral part in achieving this recognition."

To determine HealthGrades America's 50 Best Hospitals, HealthGrades analyzed more than 130 million Medicare hospitalization records from every non-federal hospital in the nation. Hospitals must meet minimum thresholds in terms of patient volumes, quality ratings, and the range of services provided. Specifically, hospitals were evaluated based on the risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates across 26 procedures and treatments, from hip replacement to bypass surgery. Hospitals that were in the top 5 percent of all hospitals for the most consecutive years were named HealthGrades America's 50 Best Hospitals. The full methodology can be found in the report posted at <http://www.healthgrades.com>.

“The HealthGrades America’s 50 Best Hospitals have demonstrated clinical outcomes that are the best in the nation, and they have sustained that level of quality year in and year out,” said Rick May, MD, a HealthGrades' vice president and one of the study’s authors. “That indicates that these hospitals have leadership, operational structures and clinical teams that are capable of producing excellence in a way that others cannot. These hospitals should be congratulated, and those in their community should feel proud of the quality of care being delivered.”

Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center is a 334-bed acute care community hospital serving the healthcare needs of the community since 1926. Its dedicated staff is committed to healing people, and strengthening the communities they serve. Glendale Memorial has been distinguished as one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals for four years in a row by HealthGrades®.

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