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**St. Joseph's Five-Star Rated for Cardiovascular and Orthopedic Care
Hospital Named One of HealthGrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for
Coronary Intervention and Joint Replacement**

SYRACUSE – [St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center's cardiovascular](#) and [orthopedic](#) programs again received high ratings from [HealthGrades](#), a national provider of information to help consumers make informed decisions about physicians or hospitals. The [American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation](#), which evaluates the performance of approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide across nearly 30 of the most common conditions and procedures, found the following:

St. Joseph's Named among America's Best 100 Hospitals

- One of HealthGrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Coronary Intervention™ (2013)
- One of HealthGrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement™ (2012-2013)

Cardiovascular

- Recipient of the HealthGrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award™ (2013)
- Ranked Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Coronary Interventional Procedures (2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Valve Surgery (2012-2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Coronary Interventional Procedures (2013)
- Recipient of the HealthGrades Vascular Surgery Excellence Award™ (2011-2013)
- Ranked Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Vascular Surgery (2012-2013)
- Ranked #1 in NY for Vascular Surgery (2012-2013)
- Ranked Among the Top 5 in New York for Vascular Surgery (2010-2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Vascular Surgery (2012-2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Repair of Abdominal Aorta (2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Carotid Surgery (2010-2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Peripheral Vascular Bypass (2012-2013)

Orthopedic

- Recipient of the HealthGrades Joint Replacement Excellence Award™ (2011-2013)
- Ranked Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Joint Replacement (2011-2013)

- Ranked #3 in NY for Joint Replacement (2013)
- Ranked Among the Top 5 in New York for Joint Replacement (2011-2013) (Ranked 3 in 2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Joint Replacement (2007-2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement (2007-2013)
- Five-Star Recipient for Total Hip Replacement (2011-2013)

According to the Healthgrades study, the risk of death is 58 percent lower at hospitals receiving five stars versus all other hospitals. The 2013 performance outcomes are now available free to the public at www.healthgrades.com.

For its 2013 hospital quality outcomes 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. Healthgrades independently measures hospitals based on data that hospitals submit to the federal government. No hospital can opt in or out of being measured, and no hospital pays to be measured. Mortality and complication rates are risk adjusted, which takes into account each hospital's unique population (demographics and severity of illness).

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

[St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center](#) is a non-profit, 431-bed hospital and health care system providing services to patients from Onondaga and 15 surrounding counties. Through prevention programs and the latest diagnostic treatment procedures, St. Joseph's works with patients to achieve optimum long-term health. A 14-time winner of the National Research Corporation Consumer Choice award, St. Joseph's is affiliated with Franciscan Companies and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis.

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