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TEXSAN HEART HOSPITAL HAS LOWER MORTALITY RATE THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE, ACCORDING TO NATIONAL STUDY

HealthGrades Study Places Local Hospital in Top 10% Nationally

San Antonio, TX (October 13, 2009) - Texsan Heart Hospital is among the top 10% in Overall Cardiac Care in the nation according to a comprehensive annual study released today by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization. The HealthGrades study annually assesses patient outcomes – mortality and complication rates – at virtually all of the nation's nearly 5,000 nonfederal hospitals.

- *Recipient of the HealthGrades Cardiac Care Excellence Award™ - 2 years in a row (2009 & 2010)*
- *Only Recipient of the HealthGrades Cardiac Care Excellence Award™ in San Antonio, TX**
- *Ranked Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Overall Cardiac Services - 2 years in a row (2009 & 2010)*
- *Ranked Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Cardiology Services - 2 years in a row (2009 & 2010)*
- *Only Hospital in San Antonio, TX* Ranked Top 10% in the Nation for Cardiology Services*
- *Ranked #3 in TX for Overall Cardiac Services – in 2010*
- *Ranked #2 in TX for Cardiology Services - in 2010*
- *Ranked #9 in TX for Coronary Interventional Procedures in 2010*
- *Five-Star Rated for Cardiology Services - 2 years in a row (2009 & 2010)*
- *Five-Star Rated for Coronary Interventional Procedures - 3 years in a row (2008 - 2010)*
- *Five-Star Rated for Treatment of Heart Attack - 2 years in a row (2009 & 2010)*
- *Five-Star Rated for Treatment of Heart Failure - 4 years in a row (2007 - 2010)*

- *Best Rated in San Antonio, TX* for Overall Cardiac Services*
- *Best Rated in San Antonio, TX* for Cardiology Services*
- *Best Rated in San Antonio, TX* for Coronary Interventional Procedures*

* *San Antonio, TX region as defined by the Federal Government's Office of Management and Budget*

According to the twelfth annual *HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America* study top-rated hospitals had a 52 percent lower mortality rate than the U.S. national average when looking at the patient outcomes of 17 procedures and diagnoses ranging from bypass surgery to treatment for heart attack. When the top-rated hospitals were compared to the poorest performers, there was an even greater difference, 72 percent lower mortality.

The new 2010 HealthGrades hospital ratings were posted today at www.healthgrades.com, HealthGrades' public Web site.

HealthGrades Ratings

HealthGrades' hospital ratings and awards reflect the track record of patient outcomes at hospitals in the form of mortality and complication rates. HealthGrades rates hospitals independently based on data that hospitals submit to the federal government. No hospital can opt in or out of being rated, and no hospital pays to be rated.

For 28 procedures and treatments, HealthGrades issues star ratings that reflect the mortality and complication rates for each category of care. Hospitals receiving a 5-star rating have mortality or complication rates that are below the national average, to a statistically significant degree. A 3-star rating means the hospital performs as expected. One-star ratings indicate the hospital's mortality or complication rates in that procedure or treatment are statistically higher than average. Because the risk profiles of patient populations at hospitals are not alike, HealthGrades risk-adjusts the data to allow for apples-to-apples comparisons.

More information on today's HealthGrades study, including the complete methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com.

About Texsan Heart Hospital

Texsan Heart Hospital is located at 6700 IH 10 West and Crossroads Boulevard. It is part of a family of cardiac centers owned and managed by MedCath Corporation. Texsan Heart Hospital is an entire hospital dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of America's number one killer – heart disease. Texsan opened in January 2004 and features comprehensive inpatient and outpatient cardiac care, other acute-care surgical services and a 24-hour full service Heart Emergency Center

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