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# Memorial Health Care System

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## **Memorial Health Care System – Chattanooga’s Only 100 Top Hospital**

Chattanooga, TN - For the seventh consecutive year and the eighth overall, Memorial Health Care System, has been named one of the nation’s 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry’s leading source of information on hospital quality.

Memorial Hospital and Memorial North Park Hospital are recognized as hospitals that have achieved excellence in clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance, and operational efficiency.

“It is through dedication to excellence in clinical care and operational performance that we consistently achieve the highest standards necessary to qualify for this award,” says Jim Hobson, president and CEO of Memorial Health Care System. “We are grateful to our physicians, board members, clinical and administrative staff for their leadership and hard work.”

According to Thomson Reuters’ research, the 100 Top Hospitals have higher survival rates, have fewer patients with complications and have lower expenses — all while maintaining financial stability.

Estimates are that if all Medicare inpatients received the same level of care as those in the 100 Top Hospitals winners, nearly 116,000 additional patients would survive each year; more than 197,000 patient complications would be avoided annually; expenses would decline by an aggregate \$5.9 billion a year; and the average patient stay would decrease by nearly half a day. The 100 Top Hospitals award winners also have higher patient satisfaction, and overall have better patient safety, saving lives and dollars.

More information on this study is available at [www.100tophospitals.com](http://www.100tophospitals.com).

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Memorial Health Care System is a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to the healing ministry of the Church. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and strengthened as part of Catholic Health Initiatives, it offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedic and rehabilitation services. Memorial is a regional referral center of choice with 4,000 associates and more than 700 affiliated physicians providing health care throughout Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. Memorial Health Care System is recognized as one of the nation’s 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry’s leading source of information on hospital quality. To learn more, visit [www.memorial.org](http://www.memorial.org).