

Three BayCare Hospitals Named to Prestigious 100 Top Hospitals List

Study Spotlights Best-Performing Hospitals in the U.S.

CLEARWATER, Fla., (March 5, 2019) — Three BayCare hospitals have been named to the IBM Watson Health™ 100 Top Hospitals® annual study. **Mease Countryside Hospital**, Safety Harbor; **Morton Plant Hospital**, Clearwater and **St. Joseph's Hospital**, Tampa were selected as best-performing hospitals in the U.S. The study is based on a balanced scorecard using publicly available data for clinical, operational, and patient satisfaction metrics.

Additionally, St. Joseph's Hospital was recognized as one of only 15 hospitals on the 100 Top Hospitals list as an Everest Award Winner. These are hospitals that earned the 100 Top Hospitals designation and also are among the 100 top for rate of improvement during a five-year period. St. Joseph's was the only hospital in the state to be an Everest Award Winner.

“To be named to the 100 Top Hospitals List is a rare honor and privilege and to have three of our hospitals recognized in this manner is a true distinction,” said Tommy Inzina, president/CEO of BayCare Health System. “This achievement is a testimony to the singular focus of our physicians and team members who work together toward the shared goal of excellence in care and patient experience,” said Inzina.

Mease Countryside Hospital has been named to the 100 Top Hospitals list 11 times; Morton Plant Hospital has been named seven times and St. Joseph's Hospital has been named three times. In Florida, Mease Countryside is the only hospital to have received 100 Top Hospitals 11 times.

The winning hospitals were announced in the March 4th edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

The IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals winners outperformed peer group hospitals within all 10 clinical and operational performance benchmarks evaluated in the study: risk-adjusted inpatient mortality index, risk-adjusted complications index, mean healthcare-associated infection index, mean 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate, mean 30-day risk-adjusted readmission rate, severity-adjusted length of stay, mean emergency department throughput, case mix- and wage-adjusted inpatient expense per discharge, adjusted operating profit margin, and HCAHPS score.

To conduct the 100 Top Hospitals study, IBM Watson Health researchers evaluated 3,156 short-term, acute care, non-federal U.S. hospitals. All research was based on the following

public data sets: Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MEDPAR) data, and core measures and patient satisfaction data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare website. Hospitals do not apply for awards, and winners do not pay to market this honor. The study has been conducted annually since 1993.

About BayCare

BayCare is a leading not-for-profit health care system that connects individuals and families to a wide range of services at 15 hospitals and hundreds of other convenient locations throughout the Tampa Bay and west central Florida regions. Inpatient and outpatient services include acute care, primary care, imaging, laboratory, behavioral health, home care, and wellness. Our mission is to improve the health of all we serve through community-owned health care services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care.

About the IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals® Program

The IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals, formerly the Truven Health Analytics 100 Top Hospitals, program uses independent and objective research to analyze hospital and health system performance. Organizations do not apply or pay for this honor or pay to promote their award. Award-winning hospitals and health systems prove that better care is possible and provide an example for other organizations to follow across the industry. The 100 Top Hospitals award winners demonstrate top performance on both how patients are cared for under clinical measures and how the hospital performs as an efficient business. 100 Top Hospitals is a registered trademark of Truven Health Analytics, part of the IBM Watson Health business. Visit 100tophospitals.com for more information.

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