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## **Kettering Medical Center, Grandview Medical Center Named Among 100 Top Hospitals for Cardiovascular Care**

**Ann Arbor, MI** -- Thomson Reuters has released its annual study identifying the 100 U.S. hospitals that set the nation's benchmarks for inpatient cardiovascular services. Kettering and Grandview medical centers were the only Dayton-area hospitals recognized.

The study - 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks - examined the performance of 971 hospitals by analyzing outcomes for patients with heart failure and heart attacks and for those who received coronary bypass surgery or percutaneous cardiovascular interventions (PCI) such as angioplasties.

“We have received a number of honors in recent years here at Grandview, but this one is special because it speaks to the level of our cardiac care,” said Richard Haas, President of Grandview Medical Center. “People tend to use cardiac care as sort of a barometer for the overall quality

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level of a hospital, so this is very significant for us.”

The study, in its 11th year, found that the 100 Top Hospitals cardiovascular winners have:

- \* 17 percent lower mortality rates for heart attack patients.
- \* 10 percent lower mortality rates for heart failure patients.
- \* 27 percent lower mortality for bypass surgery patients.
- \* 22 percent lower mortality following PCI.
- \* Fewer post-operative complications - 99 percent of patients were complication-free.
- \* Close to 12 percent shorter average hospital stay.
- \* 12 percent lower cost per case.
- \* Top performing hospitals perform over 50 percent more cardiac surgeries than peer hospitals.

“Kettering surgical teams have performed nearly 24,000 open-heart surgeries – more than any other hospital in Dayton,” said Roy Chew, PhD, President of Kettering Medical Center. “We take great pride in that fact and in all the cardiac care we provide, so it is very nice to be included in this prestigious list from the Thomson-Reuters’ study.”

"These hospitals provide balanced high performance across cardiovascular services. This means they are providing high quality and highly efficient services at a reasonable cost in comparison to peers across the United States," said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters.

The 100 Top Hospitals study evaluated short-term, acute care, non-federal U.S. hospitals that

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treat a broad spectrum of cardiology patients. Thomson Reuters researchers analyzed 2007 and 2008 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) data, 2008 Medicare cost reports, and data from other sources.

They scored hospitals in key performance areas: risk-adjusted medical mortality, risk-adjusted surgical mortality, risk-adjusted complications, core measures (a group of measures that assess process of care), percentage of coronary bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, procedure volume, severity-adjusted average length of stay, and wage- and severity-adjusted average cost.

Hospitals were classified into three comparison groups. Kettering and Grandview will receive awards for this achievement at the 2010 100 Top Hospitals Summit in Dana Point, California, June 9-11, 2010. Winners will also be published in Modern HealthCare magazine next summer.

A complete list of 2009 winners can be found at: <http://www.100tophospitals.com>