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## U.S. News & World Report Recognizes Mercy Hospital of Buffalo as High Performing Hospital For Heart Bypass Surgery

**Buffalo, NY. – April 11, 2018:** Mercy Hospital was recognized among *U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals* for 2017-18 as a "High Performing Hospital" for Heart Bypass Surgery. The annual rankings, now in their 28<sup>th</sup> year, recognize hospitals for their exceptional performance, based on outstanding quality, expertise, technology and experience. Only 10 - 21% of the nearly 4,500 hospitals analyzed earned a high performance rating in one of the specialties, procedures and conditions evaluated.



"This prestigious national recognition signals to our patients and community that they are receiving among the highest rated cardiac care in the nation," said Mercy Hospital President & CEO C.J. Urlaub. "This rating is also a reflection of the quality care our cardiac surgeons and each member of our Heart Center team provide on a daily basis."

According to the U.S. News report, an overall rating of high performing indicates a hospital was significantly better than the national average in a given procedure or condition. The sources of data included Medicare administrative claims, data from the federal government's Hospital Compare program, the American Hospital Association annual survey, clinical registry data, external certifications, and post-discharge inpatient surveys. The Best Hospitals methodologies include objective measures such as patient survival, the number of times a given procedure is performed, infection rates, adequacy of nursing staff and more.

Best Hospitals was produced by U.S. News with RTI International, a leading research organization based in North Carolina. The rankings are published in the U.S. News "Best Hospitals 2018" guidebook.

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### About Mercy Hospital:

Mercy Hospital is home to the Catholic Health Heart Center, providing a full range of cardiac care services including heart surgery and the latest minimally invasive cardiac procedures, and serves as a Joint Commission-accredited Comprehensive Stroke Center with physician experts and capabilities to diagnose and treat the most complex stroke cases. In 2017, Mercy Hospital was recognized as a High Performing Hospital by U.S. News & World Report for heart bypass surgery and colon surgery, and was named among America's Top 100 Hospitals for Orthopedic Surgery in 2016 by HealthGrades®. The hospital is also home to the state-of-the-art Mercy Emergency Center featuring 32 private treatment rooms and a rooftop heliport, as well as the Family BirthPlace providing a full spectrum of maternity/child services, a neonatal intensive care unit and a specialized pediatric care unit. Mercy also offers a wide array of outpatient, primary care and rehabilitation services at convenient locations throughout the area, including 24/7 emergency care available at the Mercy Ambulatory Care Center in Orchard Park. Founded over 100 years ago by the Sisters of Mercy, the hospital is committed to medical excellence with an ongoing mission to reveal the healing love of Jesus to those in need.