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## Mercy Hospital Ranked Among Top Hospitals in the Nation For Heart Care by U.S. News & World Report

**Buffalo, NY** – Mercy Hospital of Buffalo has been named to *U.S. News & World Report's* [2020-2021 Best Hospitals](#) list for Heart Surgery and Cardiology, rated “High Performing” for Heart Bypass Surgery, Aortic Valve Surgery, and Heart Failure Care.

“This prestigious national recognition signals to our patients and community that they are receiving some of the highest rated cardiac care in the nation,” said Mercy Hospital President Eddie Bratko. “This rating is also a reflection of the quality care our providers at the Mercy Hospital Heart Center deliver on a daily basis.”



According to U.S. News & World Report, an overall rating of “high performing” indicates a hospital is significantly better than the national average in a given procedure or condition, and “the highest possible rating earned by only a small minority of hospitals.” 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.

“These rankings are a testament to our team’s extraordinary commitment to providing the highest-level of patient care and safety,” said Stephen Downing, MD, Chair of Catholic Health’s Cardiothoracic Surgery Department. “We are proud of our physicians, nurses, and support staff who continue to shine every day and whose dedication to our patients has helped us earn this distinguished achievement.”

*U.S. News & World Report* evaluates more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 25 specialties, procedures, and conditions. The **Best Hospitals** rankings help guide patients who need a high level of care or who have a challenging condition or extra risk because of age or multiple health problems. Criteria such as patient survival and safety data, the number of times a given procedure is performed, infection rates, adequacy of nurse staffing levels, and other measures largely determine the rankings in most specialties.

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The rankings are produced by *U.S. News* with RTI International, a leading research organization based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

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**About Mercy Hospital of Buffalo**

*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. Since 2017, Mercy Hospital has been recognized as a High Performing Hospital by U.S. News & World Report for heart bypass surgery. The hospital is also home to the 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 and a Level II neonatal intensive 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 (MACC) 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.*