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Mercy Hospital Celebrates U.S. News & World Report “High Performing Hospital” Ratings

Buffalo, NY – Mercy Hospital of Buffalo held a virtual ceremony on February 24 to celebrate *U.S. News & World Report*’s “Best Regional Hospital” and “*High Performing Hospital*” ratings for Heart Bypass Surgery, Aortic Valve Surgery, Heart Failure Care, and COPD 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. “These ratings are also a reflection of the quality care our providers and caregivers at the Mercy Hospital Heart Center deliver on a daily basis.”



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.

“These ratings 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.”

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. Only 10% to 20% of evaluated hospitals in a condition or procedure receive a high performing hospital rating. To earn the “Best Regional Hospital” rating, hospitals must have three or more ratings of “high performing” in the Best Hospitals Report for Procedures and Conditions. Nationwide, 563 hospitals were identified as Best Regional Hospitals.

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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.