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## **U.S. News & World Report Names Southeast Georgia Health System-Brunswick Campus Among Nation's High Performing Hospitals in Hip Replacement**

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: July 29, 2015 –Southeast Georgia Health System-Brunswick Campus has been rated high performing in Hip Replacement in the U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals for Common Care. The ratings evaluate more than 4,500 hospitals nationwide on common inpatient procedures and conditions and only about 10 percent of the hospitals receive ratings as high performers.



### **HIP REPLACEMENT**

U.S. News evaluated hospitals in five procedures and medical conditions: heart bypass surgery, hip replacement, knee replacement, heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and rated them high performers, average or below average.

“We are very pleased to receive the high performer rating, which validates the outstanding level of quality care and attention to detail our Joint Replacement Center team puts into the patient’s experience,” said Gary R. Colberg, FACHE, president & CEO, Southeast Georgia Health System.

“This is just one more example of why the communities we serve can count on us to provide safe, quality, and cost-effective health care.”

“To be rated as high performing by U.S. News & World Report means the Health System has met extensive quality and outcomes criteria, as well as patient satisfaction measures,” said J. Kevin Brooks, M.D., medical director, Joint Replacement Center. “It represents our commitment to our community to provide an exceptional level of surgical and medical care for their health care needs.”

“The choice of hospital is one of the most important and costly decisions an individual makes,” said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis for U.S. News. “We evaluated the treatment of more than 3.6 million patients and identified a small percentage of hospitals that have superior outcomes compared with their peer institutions. Whenever possible, patients, in consultation with their doctors, should seek out high performing hospitals that excel in treating their specific condition.”

U.S. News created Best Hospitals for Common Care to help patients find better care for the kinds of common procedures and medical conditions that account for millions of hospitalizations each year. Objective outcome measures such as deaths, infections, readmissions, and operations that need to be repeated as well as patient satisfaction data largely determined the ratings. The Best Hospitals for Common Care ratings rely on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services data for patients 65 and older, as well as survey data from the American Hospital Association and clinical registry data from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

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Dr Foster®, an international health care analytics company with expertise on claims-based risk adjustment, collaborated with U.S. News on the Best Hospitals for Common Care ratings methodology.

The ratings are freely available at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/ga/southeast-georgia-hospital-brunswick-campus-6380340/rankings>.

**ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM**

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit, tobacco-free health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, three immediate care centers, five family medicine centers, and employs more than 115 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 40 locations. The Health System has multiple outpatient specialty care centers, including the only CyberKnife Center in the region and one of only four in Georgia, a Cancer Care Center accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, and designation of Centers of Excellence in: Breast Care and Joint Replacement. In 2013, the Camden Campus was named the 2013 Small Hospital of the Year by the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals and was also recognized as a 2013 *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*® by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States. For more information call 855-ASK-SGHS (855-275-7447) or visit [sghs.org](http://sghs.org).

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