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West Jefferson Medical Center Earns 'Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®' Recognition from The Joint Commission

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(MARRERO, Louisiana – November 17, 2015) – [West Jefferson Medical Center](#) (WJMC) announced today that it has been recognized as a 2014 *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

West Jefferson was recognized as part of The Joint Commission's 2015 annual report "*America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety*," for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for **Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Pneumonia, Surgical Care, VTE** (Venous thromboembolism (VTE) - a disease that includes deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism, and **Perinatal Care** (the period around childbirth, especially 5 months before and one month after birth.) West Jefferson Medical Center is one of only 1,043 hospitals out of more than 3,300 eligible hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2014 *Top Performer* distinction.

The *Top Performer* program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions. The performance measures included in the recognition program including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, inpatient psychiatric services, stroke, venous thromboembolism, perinatal care, immunization, tobacco treatment and substance use.

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To be a 2014 *Top Performer*, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2014 accountability measure data, including:

- Achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Have at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set, achieve a performance rate of 95 percent or above on all applicable individual accountability measures.

“Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of West Jefferson Medical Center for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions,” said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

“Today is a proud day for West Jefferson Medical Center and our community. Our team of dedicated physicians, nurses and staff are always striving to provide the best quality care possible for our patients. This recognition by the TJC is testimony to our hospital family’s hard work and positive excellent patient care and service,” said Nancy R. Cassagne, CEO of West Jefferson Medical Center.

For more information about the *Top Performer* program, visit:
www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx and to see the report, go to:
<http://www.wjmc.org/docs/TJC-Annual-Report-2015.pdf>

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About West Jefferson

Founded in 1956, West Jefferson Medical Center (WJMC) is a 435-bed community hospital located in Marrero, LA. WJMC offers comprehensive programs for preventive, emergency, acute and rehabilitative care. Clinical excellence divisions include: neurosciences, cardiovascular services, and an academic community cancer center. Located near vast industrial quarters, the medical center also serves business and industry across the Gulf South. WJMC is a proud member of the LCMC Health system which manages award-winning hospitals including Children’s Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital and University Medical Center.