



## **West Jefferson Medical Center Named One of Healthgrades 2019 America's 250 Best Hospitals**

*West Jefferson Medical Center among the top 5 percent of U.S. hospitals for clinical outcomes*

**Marrero, Louisiana (February 12, 2019)** – West Jefferson Medical Center (WJMC) today announced that it has achieved the Healthgrades 2019 America's 250 Best Hospitals Award™. The distinction places WJMC in the top 5 percent of more than 4,500 hospitals assessed nationwide for its superior clinical performance as measured by [Healthgrades](#), the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

"We've built a local and national reputation for excellence in patient care. To be the only hospital in Louisiana recognized with the Healthgrades America's 250 Best Hospitals Award speaks to the amazing teamwork of our physicians and staff who dedicate themselves to the lives of our patients every day," said Nancy R. Cassagne, President & CEO, West Jefferson Medical Center. "This prestigious distinction reinforces our hospital's commitment to achieve high-quality patient outcomes, and we will continue to build upon our legacy of delivering exceptional patient care in the years to come."

From 2015 through 2017, patients treated in hospitals receiving the Healthgrades America's 250 Best Hospitals Award had, on average, a 27.1 percent lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award, as measured across 19 rated conditions and procedures for which mortality is the outcome.\*

And during that same period, if all hospitals performed similarly to those achieving the award, 168,165 lives could potentially have been saved. For example, patients treated for Respiratory Failure in hospitals achieving the Healthgrades America's 250 Best Hospitals Award have, on average, a 25.4 percent lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award.\*

"The Healthgrades America's 250 Best Hospital Award is a tool that consumers can use to identify the best hospitals for their care needs," said Brad Bowman, Chief Medical Officer at Healthgrades. "We commend recipient hospitals for showing their dedication to patients by delivering exceptional clinical outcomes."

WJMC is the only hospital in Louisiana to be recognized with the Healthgrades America's 250 Best Hospitals™ Award in 2019. Additionally, WJMC is the only hospital in Louisiana to be recognized with the America's 250 Best Hospitals™ Award and the America's 100 Best Hospitals for Stroke Care.

WJMC is also the recipient of the Healthgrades 2016, 2017, and 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award™, a designation that recognizes superior performance of hospitals that have prevented the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays. WJMC is one of only three hospitals in the state of Louisiana to achieve the Patient Safety Excellence Award™ for three consecutive years.

Recipients of the Healthgrades America's 250 Best Hospitals Award are recognized for overall clinical excellence across a broad spectrum of care. During the 2019 study period (2015 through 2017), these hospitals showed superior performance in clinical outcomes for patients in the Medicare population across at least 21 of 32 most common inpatient conditions and procedures — as measured by objective performance data (risk-adjusted mortality and in-hospital complications).

To learn more about how Healthgrades determines award recipients, and for more information on Healthgrades Quality Solutions, please visit [www.healthgrades.com/quality](http://www.healthgrades.com/quality).

#### **About West Jefferson Medical Center:**

About West Jefferson Medical Center Founded in 1956, West Jefferson Medical Center (WJMC) is a 419-bed community hospital located in Marrero, La. As a full-service medical center, WJMC offers comprehensive programs for preventive, emergency, acute and rehabilitative care with a medical staff of more than 400 physicians and a complement of 1,700 employees and many volunteers. The medical center enjoys national awards for clinical excellence across many of its subspecialties. WJMC is a proud member of LCMC Health, a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages award-winning community hospitals including Children's Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.

*\*Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2015 through 2017 and represent 3-year estimates for Medicare patients only.*

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