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**West Jefferson to Receive Awards
for Two Distinct & Equally Prestigious Honors from Healthgrades**



Top 5% in Nation*



Top 10% in Nation

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What: [West Jefferson Medical Center](#) (WJMC) will host a press conference to accept the following two trophies for two prestigious national awards from Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

- 1. 2017 Patient Safety Excellence Award Trophy** – West Jefferson is the **ONLY** hospital in the Greater New Orleans Area* to achieve Top 5% in the nation for Patient Safety Excellence. **Inclusive of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington*
- 2. 2017 Stroke Care Excellence Award Trophy** – West Jefferson is honored to be ranked among the Top 10% of hospitals nationwide for the treatment of Stroke.

When: Thursday, May 11 @ 11:00am

Where: West Jefferson Medical Center
Hospital's Atrium
1101 Medical Center Blvd., Marrero, LA 70072

Background:

"Delivering quality patient care at West Jefferson Medical Center is a responsibility owned by all members of our healthcare family," said Nancy R. Cassagne, President and CEO of West Jefferson. "Being recognized by Healthgrades for these two prestigious awards validates our hospital family's commitment to delivering safe, excellent care to the patients and families we serve."

2017 Patient Excellence Award Trophy - For the second year in a row, West Jefferson is proud to be recognized as the **ONLY** hospital in the Greater New Orleans Area* to achieve **Top 5%** in the nation for Patient Safety Excellence. WJMC is one of 460 hospitals to receive this honor out of 4,600 hospitals nationwide. **Inclusive of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington*

The Healthgrades 2017 Patient Safety Excellence Award™ is a designation that recognizes superior performance in hospitals that have prevented the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays. The distinction places West Jefferson Medical Center among the top 5% of all short-term acute care hospitals reporting patient safety data for its excellent performance as evaluated by [Healthgrades](#).

2017 Stroke Care Excellence Award Trophy - West Jefferson is one of only 254 hospitals nationwide to receive the 2017 Stroke Care Excellence Award™. This achievement places WJMC among the top 10% of hospitals in the country for stroke care. West Jefferson is also being recognized as a Five-Star recipient for the Treatment of Stroke in 2017. This rating indicates that a hospital's clinical outcomes are statistically significantly better than expected when treating the condition or performing the procedure being evaluated.

From 2013-2015, patients treated at hospitals receiving the Stroke Care Excellence Award have, on average 32.9% lower risk of death than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award.** Similarly, patients treated at hospitals which did not receive the Stroke Care Specialty Excellence Award are, on average 1.49 times more likely to die than if they were treated at hospitals that did receive the award. ***Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2013 through 2015 and represent 3-year estimates for Medicare patients only.*

The complete ***Healthgrades 2017 Report to the Nation*** and detailed study methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality

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About West Jefferson Medical Center

Founded in 1956, (WJMC) is a 435-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.