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**St. Joseph Health System Named One of the  
Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters**

St. Joseph Health System (SJHS) has been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare. The award recognizes hospitals that have achieved excellence in clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance and operational efficiency.

During the week of March 29, Dr. Patrick J. Murtha, President and CEO of St. Joseph Health System communicated the recognition to the hospital's Board of Trustees, Medical Staff, Management Team and all employees and volunteers of St. Joseph Health System. Murtha noted that the accomplishment is the result of a total team effort and represents a strong focus on clinical excellence and quality, spearheaded by Medical Staff and the Board of Trustees. Murtha added, "We are so proud of all of our clinical providers and support staff at SJHS and are pleased to be able to share this distinction with our community."

This new recognition comes on the heels of St. Joseph receiving the distinguished Best in Value award in the last quarter of 2009 sponsored by Data Advantage. In addition, St. Joseph was one of only 15 hospitals across the state to receive the Governors Recognition of Excellence in Surgical Care Improvement in 2009. "Our continued recognition for clinical service excellence by external agencies is representative of the dedication of our medical staff and the passion for quality and patient satisfaction in the care we deliver to our patients", said Dr. Neelima Ryali, Chief of Medical Staff at St. Joseph Health System.

The 100 Top Hospitals national benchmark represents a quantitative study that identifies 100 hospitals with the highest achievement on the 100 Top Hospitals: National Benchmarks Balanced Scorecard. Balanced hospital-wide performance reflects a hospital's ability to

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provide great value through highly reliable and efficient clinical care, financial stability, and service to patients, local employers, payers and the entire community. Thomson Reuters bases their selection on objective statistical performance measurement across six critical areas: clinical process and outcomes, patient safety, patient perception of care, operational efficiency, financial stability and extended outcomes.

“The 100 Top Hospitals winners raised the bar again this year, delivering a higher level of reliable care and greater value for their communities,” said Jean Chenoweth, Senior Vice President for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters.

The winning hospitals were announced in the March 29 edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine and will be recognized at the 2009 100 Top Hospitals Summit on June 9-11 in Dana Point, California.

More information on this study is available at [www.100tophospitals.com](http://www.100tophospitals.com).

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