



SRMC Receives National Women's Choice Award: Best Hospitals for Patient Safety

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Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) has earned the 2018 Women's Choice Award as one of "America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety," acknowledging its dedication to providing exceptional patient care and treatment.

The 2018 America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety award is the only evidence-based designation that recognizes the top 15% of U.S. hospitals on patient safety and what women say they want from a hospital. By carrying the Women's Choice Award seal, SRMC has signified its commitment to elevate the patient experience, as one of 451 hospitals across the nation achieving the highest standards for patient safety. More than 3,000 hospitals were included in the selection analysis.

"This tremendous accomplishment reflects the clinical expertise and commitment of our physicians and staff to offer the highest level of care to the people of our region," said Anita Hackstedde, M.D., SRMC's President/CEO. "We are proud to be rated as one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety, and it is an honor to receive this recognition again for the quality of care that we provide to our patients."

Award Criteria

The America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety designation recognizes hospitals with low rates of surgical complications and hospital-associated infections, based on data reported by hospitals to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The award criteria also include patient satisfaction survey results, combined with patient recommendation ratings and what women say they want from a hospital.

"The recipients of the America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety award have led the country by implementing safe practices that have ultimately saved lives," said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "This recognition is critical for women as they make 80% of healthcare decisions and need to know they are putting themselves - and their family members - in safe hands."

According to Dr. Hackstedde, SRMC's extensive involvement in a number of quality initiatives has helped to enhance patient safety and the quality of care provided. "It takes dedication and a commitment to performance excellence from our entire team of staff and physicians to earn this award. I am extremely proud of the work our team puts

in each and every day to ensure that our patients receive the best possible care. These efforts are what made this prestigious recognition possible, and have helped to distinguish SRMC as an ongoing leader in health care safety and quality."

SRMC's Awards & Accomplishments

Salem Regional Medical Center is a repeat Women's Choice Award Winner for Patient Safety, having originally received this designation in 2016. The Hospital also received the Corporate LiveWire's 2017 Innovation & Excellence Award as "Community Hospital of the Year," for its advanced technology and as a leader in the health care industry. In addition, SRMC earned the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines[®]-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award for providing high-quality stroke care and The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval[®] for Orthopaedic Knee and Hip Replacements program.

"Providing high quality care for our patients is at the forefront of everything we do," said Dr. Hackstedde. "Our health care team members commit themselves to the highest standards in medicine across all the services we provide."