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Hamilton Medical Center recognized for quality medical excellence, patient safety

DALTON, Ga. (February 9, 2021) – Hamilton Medical Center (HMC) was recently recognized for medical excellence and patient safety quality by CareChex®. HMC was ranked in the top 10 percent in the nation in four categories for 2021.

The awards are based on a comprehensive quality scoring system that compares inpatient quality performance across general, acute and non-federal U.S. hospitals.

For Medical Excellence, HMC was recognized in the following categories:

- Top 100 in the nation for Pneumonia Care
- Top 10 percent in the nation for Pneumonia Care
- Top 10 percent in the region for Pneumonia Care
- Top 10 percent in the region for Orthopedic Care
- Top 10 percent in the state for Orthopedic Care
- Top 10 percent in the state for Pneumonia Care
- Number one in the market for Interventional Coronary Care
- Number one in the market for Pneumonia Care

For Patient Safety, HMC was recognized in the following categories:

- Top 10 percent in the nation for Cancer Care
- Top 10 percent in the nation for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Top 10 percent in the nation for Orthopedic Care
- Top 10 percent in the region for Cancer Care
- Top 10 percent in the region for Orthopedic Care
- Top 10 percent in the state for Cancer Care
- Top 10 percent in the state for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Top 10 percent in the state for Pneumonia Care
- Top 10 percent in the state for Orthopedic Care
- Number one in the market for Cancer Care
- Number one in the market for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Since 2009, Quantros has compiled the CareChex ratings to provide an objective quality review of all hospitals and health systems in America, with ratings for Safety and overall Medical Excellence at the national, state and regional level. The CareChex awards are based on a rigorous review of patient complications, readmissions, mortality, AHRQ patient safety indicators and inpatient quality indicators.

The vast data sets don't include any self-reported or survey data, and results are tested for statistical significance, resulting in clearer, more accurate performance differentiation across 39 clinical categories in both Medical Excellence and Patient Safety.

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Photo: CareChex awards were announced at a recent Hamilton Medical Center leadership meeting. From left are Rita Harris, cancer service line administrator; Jeff Myers, CEO; Judean Bowling, director of Surgical Services, Jeff Hughes, cardiovascular service line administrator; and Beth Pipkin, respiratory care manager.