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EXCELA HEALTH LATROBE HOSPITAL EARNS 'TOP PERFORMER ON KEY QUALITY MEASURES RECOGNITION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

LATROBE, PA, September 19, 2012... Excela Health Latrobe Hospital is ranked among the nation's *Top Performers on Key Quality Measures* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. Excela Latrobe was recognized September 19 in The Joint Commission's newly published annual report, "Improving American's Hospitals," for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions.

This is the second year that The Joint Commission is recognizing accredited hospitals that attain and sustain excellence in accountability measure performance.

Excela Latrobe is one of 620 hospitals in the United States earning this distinction. The hospital was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2011 calendar year. The list of *Top Performers* increased by 50 percent from its debut last year and represents 18 percent of more than 3,400 eligible accredited hospitals reporting data

.Each of the hospitals that were named as a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures* met two 95 percent (95/95) performance thresholds on 2011 accountability measure data. First, each hospital achieved performance of 95 percent or above on a single, composite score that includes all the accountability measures for which it reports data to The Joint Commission, including measures that had fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, each hospital met or exceeded 95 percent performance on every accountability measure for which it reports data to The Joint Commission, excluding any measures with fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. A 95 percent score means a hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities to provide the practice.

'When we raise the bar and provide the proper guidance and tools, hospitals have responded with excellent results," says Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH., president, The Joint Commission. "This capacity for continual improvement points toward a future in which quality and safety defects are dramatically reduced and high reliability is sought and achieved with regularity. Such day-to-day progress will slowly but surely transform today's health care system into one that achieves unprecedented performance outcomes for the benefit of the patients."

"Safety and quality go hand in hand," said Robert J. Rogalski, Excela Health Chief Executive Officer. "Excela Health is committed to providing safe and effective care that produces positive outcomes through evidence-based processes. We are proud to be recognized by The Joint Commission for the care we provide to our patients."

In addition to being included in The Joint Commission's annual report, Excela Latrobe Hospital will be recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website (www.qualitycheck.org). The Top Performer program will be featured in the October issues of *The Joint Commission Perspectives* and *The Joint Commission: The Source*.