EXCELA HEALTH RECOGNIZED BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT AMONG NATION’S TOP PERFORMING HOSPITALS

GREENSBURG, PA, December 23, 2016 … Excela Health and its member hospitals have once again received national recognition for clinical expertise and high quality patient care, named top performing hospitals by U.S. News & World Report for 2016-17.

Excela Health Latrobe Hospital is recognized as a top performer in heart failure. Excela Health Frick Hospital is recognized for both heart failure and COPD, while Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital is also listed among the region’s best hospitals, a designation given to hospitals that are top performers in four or more categories. Excela Westmoreland is recognized for hip and knee replacement in addition to heart failure and COPD treatment.

“U.S. News evaluates nearly 5,000 hospitals nationwide,” said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis at U.S. News. “A hospital that emerged from our analysis as one of the best has much to be proud of.”

We are proud that Excela Health has achieved these honors, but it is our patients who are the real winners,” said Carol Fox, MD, Excela Health’s chief medical officer. “Being recognized for providing care that is effective and safe directly supports our promise to our community to improve the health and well-being of every life we touch. Our care teams are committed to providing the best care possible for patients over their lifetime.”

The U.S. News Best Hospitals rankings, now in their 27th year, help guide patients to hospitals that deliver outstanding care across 25 specialties, procedures and conditions. The Best Hospitals methodologies include objective measures such as patient survival, the number of times a given procedure is performed, infection rates, adequacy of nurse staffing and more.

For 2016-17, 153 hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty, while 1,628 received a high performing rating in one or more specialties, procedures or conditions. In rankings by
state and metro area, U.S. News recognized hospitals that were high-performing across multiple areas of care. Best Hospitals was produced by U.S. News with RTI International, a leading research organization based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. The rankings are published in the U.S. News “Best Hospitals 2017” guidebook. For more information, visit Best Hospitals and use #BestHospitals on Facebook and Twitter.

The U.S. News Best Hospitals analysis covers clinical specialties, procedures and medical conditions. Scores are based on data that include survival, patient safety, nurse staffing and other factors. Hospitals are ranked nationally in specialties from cancer to urology and rated in common procedures and conditions such as heart bypass surgery, hip and knee replacement and colon cancer surgery. Hospitals are also ranked regionally within states and major metro areas. An Honor Roll recognizes hospitals with outstanding performance across multiple areas of care.

The Best Hospitals Honor Roll has been revamped for 2016-17 to take both the national rankings and the procedure and condition ratings into account. Hospitals received points if they were nationally ranked in one of the 16 specialties – the higher they ranked, the more points they got – and how many ratings of "high performing" they earned in the nine procedures and conditions. The top 20 point-getters made up the Honor Roll.

U.S. News created Best Regional Hospitals in 2011 to provide consumers who want to stay close to home with an overall assessment of their region's hospitals across multiple areas of care. To be recognized regionally, a hospital must have been either nationally ranked in one of the 12 specialties in which objective data primarily determine a hospital's performance, or received ratings of high performing in four or more of those specialties or the procedures and conditions.
In 2016-17, 505 hospitals were recognized as Best Regional Hospitals. In each state and metropolitan areas with 1 million or more residents, they were numerically ranked if there were at least two Best Regional Hospitals.