U.S. News & World Report: MUSC is state’s number one hospital

Recognition includes three national rankings, first place showing for Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville metro area & high-performance in 10 areas

Charleston, S.C. (July 16, 2012) – The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) has been named by U.S. News & World Report as one of the country's best hospitals (top 50) in the treatment of ear/nose/throat disorders, nephrology, and rheumatology. MUSC is also “high-performing” in treating cancer, gynecologic disorders, orthopedics and cardiology and heart surgery. Programs for diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology, geriatrics and urology also were considered high-performing. Fewer than 150 of the nation’s 5,000 hospitals are nationally ranked in at least one of 16 medical specialties. To see MUSC scores and rankings, go to http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/medical-university-of-south-carolina-6370085.

MUSC ranked first in South Carolina and for the Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville metro area. These state and local rankings recognize more than 700 hospitals with a record of high performance in key medical specialties, including hospitals already identified as the best in the nation. The complete rankings and methodology are available at http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals.

"We are gratified that MUSC continues to be recognized as a leading hospital in South Carolina and beyond,” said Ray Greenberg, M.D., Ph.D., MUSC president. “This is a great tribute to our outstanding faculty and staff who are among the best in the country."

“A hospital that emerges from our analysis as one of the best has much to be proud of,” said Avery Comarow, U.S. News Health Rankings Editor. “Only about 15 percent of hospitals are recognized for their high performance as among their region’s best. Just 3 percent of all hospitals earn a national ranking in any specialty.”
U.S. News publishes Best Hospitals to help guide patients who need a high level of care because they face particularly difficult surgery, a challenging condition, or added risk because of other health problems or age. Objective measures such as patient survival and safety data, the adequacy of nurse staffing levels and other data largely determined the rankings in most specialties.

“The recognition as South Carolina's #1 hospital is particularly gratifying for the dedicated teams of physicians and staff who provide high quality care everyday, but also teach the next generation, and test new discoveries. This is further evidence of MUSC's focus on expertise and excellence through high performance teamwork,” said Patrick Cawley, M.D., MUSC Executive Director/CEO and Vice President for Clinical Operations.

The rankings have been published at [http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals](http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals) and will appear in print in the U.S. News Best Hospitals 2014 guidebook, available in bookstores and on newsstands August 27.

Since 1990, the magazine has identified medical centers with unique capabilities in one or more areas. Rankings and eligibility are driven by hard data, including reputation, death rate, patient safety, and care-related factors such as nursing and patient services.

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**About MUSC**

Founded in 1824 in Charleston, The Medical University of South Carolina is the oldest medical school in the South. Today, MUSC continues the tradition of excellence in education, research, and patient care. MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and residents, and has nearly 13,000 employees, including approximately 1,500 faculty members. As the largest non-federal employer in Charleston, the university and its affiliates have collective annual budgets in excess of $1.7 billion. MUSC operates a 750-bed medical center, which includes a nationally recognized Children’s Hospital, the Ashley River Tower (cardiovascular, digestive disease, and surgical oncology), and a leading Institute of Psychiatry. For more information on academic information or clinical services, visit [www.musc.edu](http://www.musc.edu). For more information on hospital patient services, visit [www.muschealth.com](http://www.muschealth.com).

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