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OPTIM MEDICAL CENTER-TATTNALL NAMED AMERICA'S 100 BEST FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT
Healthgrades Analyzes Patient Outcomes in Nearly 4,500 Hospitals

Savannah, GA (October 17, 2017) – Optim Medical Center-Tattnall released today that it has been recognized by [Healthgrades](#) as one of *America's 100 Best Hospitals™ for Joint Replacement*. Healthgrades evaluated nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 34 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions.* Healthgrades identified the 100 best-performing hospitals across all conditions or procedures evaluated within Joint Replacement.

The achievement is part of findings released today in the ***Healthgrades 2018 Report to the Nation***. The new report demonstrates how clinical performance continues to differ dramatically between hospitals nationally, regionally and at the local level, and the impact that this variation may have on health outcomes.

For example, from 2014-2016, patients treated at hospitals receiving the *America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement* have, on average, a 60.2% lower risk of experiencing a complication while in the hospital than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award.** Similarly, patients treated at non-recipient hospitals were 2.51 times more likely to experience one or more complications in the hospital than if they were treated at hospitals that did receive the award.**

“Being named *America's 100 Best for Joint Replacement* five years in a row shows our continued commitment to providing the best quality of orthopedic care to our patients and the community,” stated Rob Snipes, Optim Medical Center-Tattnall’s Hospital Administrator. “By providing this caliber of care, we know that we are giving our patients a better quality of life, and are truly grateful to all our patients and their families for trusting Optim for their orthopedic needs.”

In addition to being named one of *America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement*, Optim Medical Center-Tattnall also achieved *Five-Star Recognition for Total Knee Replacement, Spinal Fusion Surgery, and Total Hip Replacement* for 2018.

“Many consumers believe that hospital quality is standardized, though the reality is that clinical quality and outcomes at hospitals vary widely across the country,” said Brad Bowman, MD, Healthgrades, Chief Medical Officer. “The hospitals that have achieved the *Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement* distinction have demonstrated a commitment to exceptional quality of care and can distinguish themselves to consumers seeking care at high-quality facilities.”

For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 45 million Medicare inpatient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide to assess hospital performance in 32 common conditions and procedures, and evaluate outcomes in appendectomy and bariatric surgery using all-payer data provided by 17 states. Healthgrades recognizes a hospital's quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5-star (statistically significantly better than expected), 3-star (not statistically different from expected) and 1-star (statistically significantly worse than expected) categories. The complete **Healthgrades 2018 Report to the Nation and detailed study methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality.*

***Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2014 through 2016 and represent 3-year estimates for Medicare patients only.*

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About Optim Medical Center-Tattnall

Optim Medical Center-Tattnall is a premier, physician-owned healthcare facility providing the highest quality of patient care and clinical outcomes for the communities it serves. The Optim network provides its patients over 20 convenient locations across southeastern Georgia and South Carolina. With over 35 highly-trained physicians in the Optim Healthcare network (a collaboration of the physician-owned Optim Medical Center-Tattnall and Optim Orthopedics), Optim offers specialized treatment in multiple areas including orthopedics, neurosurgery, interventional pain management, therapy, general surgery, and primary care.

Optim's large network aims to achieve the highest-quality service and treatment standards across facilities, providing specialized healthcare to patients in both larger metropolitan and rural areas.

For additional information on Optim Healthcare please visit: www.optimhealth.com.