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Baylor University Medical Center's Cardiac Surgery Program Earns Top Rating

Hospital ranked among top three in Texas by The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

DALLAS (May 31, 2016) – The Society of Thoracic Surgeons recently awarded Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas a three-star rating for isolated coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG). This is the hospital's fourth consecutive year to receive this honor.

Baylor University Medical Center earned a 98.2 overall composite score, placing it in the top three hospitals in the state of Texas for isolated coronary artery bypass grafting.

An isolated coronary artery bypass graft is a procedure used to relieve coronary artery disease symptoms, such as chest pain or shortness of breath, which in turn lowers the risk of a heart attack or other heart problems. The coronary artery bypass grafting procedure is the most common type of open heart surgery, and one of the most common surgeries of any kind in the United States.

"The Society of Thoracic Surgeons has developed a comprehensive rating system for the quality of coronary artery bypass surgery among hospitals across the country. This three-star rating, denoting the highest quality, has been earned by only 10 percent of hospitals reporting outcomes data to The Society," says Gonzalo Gonzalez, MD, chief of cardiac surgery/chief of heart transplantation and mechanical circulatory support, Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas. "With our four-year record, we have indicated that our processes have positively impacted the lives of our patients and will continue to evolve as we strive to stay on the forefront of medicine."

According to The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, a society of heart surgery specialists, the overall quality rating is calculated using a combination of 11 measures of quality grouped into four general categories: absence of operative mortality, absence of post-procedure complications, use of an optimal artery, and receipt of required medications.

View The Society of Thoracic Surgeons results list [here](#).

About Baylor Heart and Vascular Services at Dallas

Baylor University Medical Center offers cardiovascular and thoracic care in two locations to meet patients' needs. Open heart surgery, cardiac surgery, LVAD and heart transplants, in addition to thoracic surgery, are performed at Baylor University Medical Center. For more information about Baylor University Medical Center, visit www.BaylorHealth.com/Dallas

Baylor Jack and Jane Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital[†] is located on the main campus of Baylor Dallas and provides heart and vascular care and procedures, including diagnostic, interventional, surgical, imaging and rehabilitative services, as well as wellness and prevention support. For more information about Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital, visit:

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[†] Joint ownership with physicians.

* based on unaudited 2015 fiscal year statements

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