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**Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital and Memorial Regional Medical Center
Named Among the Top 50 in the United States for Cardiac Care
*Only two hospitals in Virginia to receive national recognition***

RICHMOND, Va. - (Dec. 6, 2011) – Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital and Memorial Regional Medical Center have been named among the top hospitals in the nation, and the only two in Virginia, for inpatient cardiovascular services by Thomson Reuters, an industry leader in health care data.

The Bon Secours hospitals are named for superior clinical outcomes, a recognition based on a comprehensive review measuring key areas that include mortality, complications, readmission rates, length of stay and costs. The study, in its 13th year, singled out 50 top hospitals among hospitals that treat a broad spectrum of cardiology patients.

"We are proud of our outcomes and honored to be recognized for the work we've done," said Marc R. Katz, M.D., a cardiac surgeon and the chief medical officer of the Bon Secours Heart & Vascular Institute (H&VI). "Not only do our patients have access to the most advanced cardiac techniques, they benefit from a full range of treatment options, from medical management to cardiac rehabilitation and wellness programs."

With more than 40 physicians, surgeons and specialists, the H&VI comprises seven hospitals spanning central and eastern Virginia. The H&VI is known particularly for its minimally invasive valve surgery – the only program in Virginia to perform Mitral Valve repair surgery robotically – and for its work with the ventricular assist device (LVAD) implantation. St. Mary's Hospital is recognized nationally for its LVAD program utilizing the HeartMate II for treatment of heart failure.

"Bon Secours is committed to excellence in all aspects of patient care," said Peter Bernard, CEO, Bon Secours Virginia Health System. "We are especially proud to be recognized for superior clinical outcomes in cardiac services. Our multidisciplinary team of cardiologists, cardiac surgery specialists and nurses deliver comprehensive state-of-the-art care in a compassionate environment."

The performance of the top 50 top hospitals exceeds average outcomes indicated by:

- Better risk-adjusted survival rates (23 percent fewer deaths for bypass surgery patients).
- Lower complications indices (40 percent lower rate of heart failure complications).
- Fewer patients readmitted to the hospital after 30 days.

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- Shorter hospital visits and lower costs. Top hospitals discharge bypass patients nearly a full day sooner and spend \$4,200 less per bypass case than non-winners.
- Increased use of internal mammary artery (IMA) for coronary artery bypass surgeries. Top hospitals have increased their use of this recommended procedure from 88 to 96 percent.

"This year's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals have continued to deliver excellent care and have been able to improve their performance in a tough economic climate," said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals® program at Thomson Reuters. "The hospitals in this study have provided measurably better care and are more efficient than their peers, demonstrating incredibly strong focus by hospital leadership at a time when the health care system is steeped in volatility."

In addition to recognition from Thomson Reuters, HealthGrades recently recognized Memorial Regional Medical Center, ranking it Virginia's number one Overall Cardiac Program. HealthGrades also named St. Mary's Hospital as the number one Cardiac Surgery Program in Virginia.

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About Bon Secours Virginia Health System

Bon Secours Virginia provides good help to thousands of Virginians through a network of hospitals, primary and specialty care practices, ambulatory care sites and continuing care facilities across the Commonwealth. The not-for-profit health system employs about 11,000 people, including nearly 300 physicians as part of the Bon Secours Medical Group.

The fourth largest and only faith-based health system in Virginia, Bon Secours Virginia offers a full range of services including cardiac, women's, children's, orthopaedics, oncology, neurosciences and surgery at seven award-winning hospitals.

- Bon Secours Richmond is St. Mary's Hospital, Memorial Regional Medical Center, Richmond Community Hospital and St. Francis Medical Center
- Bon Secours Hampton Roads is Maryview Medical Center, DePaul Medical Center and Mary Immaculate Hospital

About Bon Secours Richmond Foundation

Bon Secours' ministry of providing good help to those in need is supported by the Bon Secours Richmond Foundation, which raises funds to create healthy communities, advance clinical innovation and provide an extraordinary experience of care.

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The Thomson Reuters 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals were classified into three comparison groups. (*The order of hospitals in the list does not reflect performance ranking*).

Teaching Hospitals With Cardiovascular Residency Programs

Mayo Clinic Hospital - Phoenix, AZ
The University of Kansas Hospital - Kansas City, KS
Lahey Clinic - Burlington, MA
Saint Vincent Hospital - Worcester, MA
Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital - St. Louis Park, MN
Hackensack University Medical Center - Hackensack, NJ
Deborah Heart and Lung Center - Browns Mills, NJ
NYU Langone Medical Center - New York, NY
Kettering Medical Center - Kettering, OH
Doctors Hospital - Columbus, OH
The Washington Hospital - Washington, PA
Allegheny General Hospital - Pittsburgh, PA
Robert Packer Hospital - Sayre, PA
Bryn Mawr Hospital - Bryn Mawr, PA
Lankenau Hospital - Wynnewood, PA

Teaching Hospitals Without Cardiovascular Residency Programs

Morton Plant Hospital - Clearwater, FL
St. Luke's Boise Medical Center - Boise, ID
St. John's Hospital - Springfield, IL
Decatur Memorial Hospital - Decatur, IL
Marquette General Hospital - Marquette, MI
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor, MI
Mercy Medical Center - Canton, OH
Aultman Hospital - Canton, OH
Bethesda North Hospital - Cincinnati, OH
St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem, PA
UPMC Hamot - Erie, PA
St. Joseph Medical Center - Reading, PA
Memorial Hermann Hospital System - Houston, TX
Baptist St. Anthony's Health System - Amarillo, TX
Corpus Christi Medical Center - Corpus Christi, TX
St. Mark's Hospital - Salt Lake City, UT
[St. Mary's Hospital - Richmond, VA](#)
Aspirus Wausau Hospital - Wausau, WI
Gundersen Lutheran - La Crosse, WI
Meriter Hospital - Madison, WI

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Community Hospitals

St. Francis Medical Center - Lynwood, CA

French Hospital Medical Center - San Luis Obispo, CA

Martin Memorial Medical Center - Stuart, FL

Provena Covenant Medical Center - Urbana, IL

St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana - Indianapolis, IN

Heart Hospital of Lafayette - Lafayette, LA

Nebraska Heart Institute & Heart Hospital - Lincoln, NE

Gaston Memorial Hospital - Gastonia, NC

The Chester County Hospital and Health System - West Chester, PA

Doylestown Hospital - Doylestown, PA

Maury Regional Medical Center - Columbia, TN

Heart Hospital of Austin - Austin, TX

Dixie Regional Medical Center - St. George, UT

Memorial Regional Medical Center - Mechanicsville, VA

Bellin Hospital - Green Bay, WI