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U.S. News & World Report names Maury Regional Medical Center among High Performing Hospitals in hip and knee replacement

COLUMBIA, Tenn. — Maury Regional Medical Center (MRMC) has been recognized as a High Performing Hospital for 2017-18 in hip replacement and knee replacement by *U.S. News & World Report.*

The annual Best Hospitals rankings, now in their 28th year, are part of U.S. News' patient portal, designed to help patients make informed decisions about where to receive care for life-threatening conditions or for common elective procedures.

"We are pleased that the hip and knee replacement services offered by Maury Regional have been compared nationally and recognized for outstanding quality. The commitment to quality outcomes shown by our orthopedic surgeons, staff members and volunteers to our joint replacement patients is reflected in this recognition," said MRMC CEO Alan Watson.

For the 2017-18 rankings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 25 specialties, procedures and conditions. In the 16 specialty areas, 146 hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty. In rankings by state and metro area, U.S. News recognized hospitals as high performing across multiple areas of care.

"For nearly three decades, we've strived to make hospital quality more transparent to healthcare consumers nationwide," said Ben Harder, managing editor and chief of health analysis at U.S. News. "By providing the most comprehensive data available, we hope to give patients the information they need to find the best care across a range of specialties."



Pictured (I-r) are orthopedic surgeons William Cason Shirley, M.D., J. Fredrick Wade, M.D., H. James Wiesman Jr., M.D., and Scott W. McCall, M.D., who perform knee and hip replacement at MRMC.

The U.S. News methodologies include risk-adjusted survival and readmission rates, volume, patient experience, patient safety, quality of nursing care and other care-related indicators. Best Hospitals was produced by U.S. News with RTI International, a leading research organization based in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

In addition to this recent accolade, MRMC has attained Joint Commission certification for knee and hip replacement and has been recognized by CareChex.com,—an information service of Quantros, Inc., as the #1 hospital in Tennessee and in the top 10% of hospitals in the nation for Medical Excellence in Joint Replacement and Orthopedic Care for 2017. MRMC has also been designated as a Blue Distinction Center by BlueCrossBlue Shield of Tennessee for knee and hip replacement.

For more information about the 2017-18 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, visit *Health.USNews.com/Best-Hospitals*. Learn more about Maury Regional Health at MauryRegional.com.

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About Maury Regional Medical Center:

Serving more than 200,000 people across southern Middle Tennessee, Maury Regional Medical Center, a 255-bed facility, is the largest medical center between Nashville and Huntsville and has been evaluated by outside organizations and compared to some of the most respected medical centers in the country. For 2017, Maury Regional Medical Center was ranked number one in Tennessee for overall hospital care in the area of medical excellence by CareChex.com, — an information service of Quantros, Inc. The medical center offers a wide range of advanced services including an accredited heart program, neonatal intensive care and cancer center. In addition to Maury Regional Medical Center, Maury Regional Health includes Marshall Medical Center in Lewisburg, Wayne Medical Center in Waynesboro, Lewis Health Center in Hohenwald, Maury Regional Medical Group physician practices, as well as additional facilities across southern Middle Tennessee. For more information, visit Maury Regional.com.