

DENVER, CO, November 19, 2014 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- The Medical Center of Aurora (TMCA) today announced it has been recognized as a 2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States. TMCA was recognized as part of The Joint Commission's 2014 annual report "America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety," for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Pneumonia and Surgical Care. TMCA is one of 1,224 hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2013 Top Performer distinction.

The Top Performer program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke, venous thromboembolism and perinatal care, as well as for inpatient psychiatric services and immunizations.

This is the second year The Medical Center of Aurora has been recognized as a Top Performer. TMCA was recognized in 2012 for its performance on accountability measure data for Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Pneumonia and Surgical Care.

The Medical Center of Aurora is one of only of 712 hospitals to achieve the Top Performer distinction for the past two consecutive years.

To be a 2013 Top Performer, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2013 accountability measure data, including: Achieving cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures; Achieving performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there were at least 30 denominator cases; and Having at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and (within that measure set) all applicable individual accountability measures had a performance rate of 95 percent or above.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of The Medical Center of Aurora for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

"To receive this recognition two years in a row from such a prestigious institution is truly

indicative of The Medical Center of Aurora's dedication to excellence," said Richard Hammett, TMCA President and CEO. "This is yet another testament to the efforts our hospital physicians and staff put forth every day to ensure that our patients receive the highest level of care, including evidence-based interventions that increase the likelihood of good medical outcomes."

For more information about the Top Performer program, visit http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx.

About The Medical Center of Aurora

The Medical Center of Aurora, the first community hospital in the Denver Metro area to receive two-time Magnet designation for nursing excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), is an acute care hospital with specialization in cardiovascular services, neurosciences, surgery, orthopedics and women's services. The Medical Center of Aurora is comprised of four campuses in Aurora and Centennial, Colo., including the Main Campus, located at Interstate 225 and Mississippi, the North Campus Behavioral Health facility, Centennial Medical Plaza and Saddle Rock ER. The Main Campus facility is a Level II Trauma Center with Primary Stroke Certification and Chest Pain Center accreditation, serving the eastern metro area and I-70 corridor. Licensed for 346 beds, The Medical Center of Aurora was recognized as the #4 hospital in the Denver metro area and the #4 hospital in Colorado by U.S. News & World Report (2014-2015), and was one of only nine hospitals in the country to receive the Lantern Award for Excellence in Emergency Room Care by the Emergency Nurses Association (2013). The Medical Center of Aurora and its affiliated campuses are part of the HealthONE System of Excellence.