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PRMC RECOGNIZED FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN ORTHOPEDICS AND GENERAL SURGERY

PARIS, TX– Paris Regional Medical Center (PRMC) has been recognized for clinical excellence in orthopedics and general surgery in a 2009 study issued by HealthGrades, the leading independent company that measures health care quality in hospitals across the country. PRMC received the rating for exceptional clinical outcomes in orthopedics in five out of the last six years and for the second year in a row in general surgery.

Specifically, HealthGrades gave PRMC five-stars in Hip Fracture Repair and Appendectomy surgical procedures.

“We are proud of these honors at Paris Regional Medical Center as they reinforce our commitment to providing quality, safe, patient-centered care to our patients,” said Chris Dux, CEO of Paris Regional Medical Center. “Our physicians, nurses and staff are responsible for making us a leader in quality care, and these awards stand as a testament to their dedication.”

These findings were included in the eleventh annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America Study, which is the most comprehensive study of its kind, analyzing more than 41 million Medicare hospitalization records from 2005 to 2007 at the nation’s approximately 5,000 non-federal hospitals. According to the study, if all hospitals performed at the level of five-star rated hospitals, 237,420 Medicare deaths could potentially have been prevented over the three years studied. While overall death rates declined from 2005 to 2007, the nation’s best-performing hospitals were able to reduce preventable deaths at a much faster rate than poor-performing hospitals, the study found.

“We want to be the hospital of choice for residents in northeastern Texas and southeastern Oklahoma,” said Dux. “We believe that providing this type of information to consumers makes that choice easier to make.”

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