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McBride Orthopedic Hospital Ranks #1 in Oklahoma

Study finds McBride patient outcomes among nation's best for Overall Orthopedic Services and Joint Replacement

Oklahoma City, OK (October 14, 2008) – McBride Orthopedic Hospital has received the top ranking as Oklahoma's best hospital for Overall Orthopedic Services and Joint Replacement by *Healthgrades*®, a leading independent healthcare company.

The study also ranked McBride among the top five percent of all orthopedic programs in the country with five-star ratings in spine surgery, total knee replacement, total hip replacement, hip fracture repair and back and neck surgery.

These findings were included in the 11th annual *HealthGrades*® *Hospital Quality in America Study*, which analyzed more than 41 million Medicare hospitalization records from 2005 to 2007 at the nation's approximately 5,000 non-federal hospitals.

"This award reflects the great work our physicians are doing to take care of Oklahomans," said Dr. Thomas P. Janssen, chief of staff, McBride Orthopedic Hospital. "For more than 85 years, our physicians have focused on excellence in medicine and patient care for our community. We are proud to be recognized on a national level for providing the best orthopedic services."

According to the study, patients treated at the nation's top-rated hospitals have a 70 percent lower chance of dying compared with the lowest-rated hospitals across 17 common procedures and conditions, ranging from heart attack and pneumonia care to respiratory failure.

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, resulting in large state, regional and hospital-to-hospital variations in the quality of patient care.

About McBride Orthopedic Hospital

McBride Orthopedic Hospital is a state-of-the-art orthopedic facility providing a full range of orthopedic surgical services, physical and occupational therapy and a level IV emergency room. Since opening in 2005, the hospital has received two consecutive awards as the number one provider of overall orthopedic services in Oklahoma by *Healthgrades*®.

McBride Clinic is nationally recognized as a leading treatment center in orthopedics and arthritis. Since Dr. McBride began his practice in 1919, McBride Clinic has been serving Oklahomans by providing premier orthopedic services. The clinic has locations in downtown OKC, Edmond, Norman, an Occupational Health Center in OKC and several rural outreach clinics. For more information, visit www.mcbrideclinic.com.

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