

# Harlingen Medical Center Named to 2009 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals

**Harlingen (November 17, 2009)** – Harlingen Medical Center (HMC) has earned the *2009 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks Award*, for a second consecutive year, for its excellence in cardiovascular care. This accolade is presented to HMC for its ability to set the highest national performance levels for both clinical and managerial excellence, and is one of three community hospitals in the State of Texas and one of 30 in the United States, to do this.

“The fact that this is the second year in a row that our hospital has been named to the Thomson Reuters Top 100 Hospitals is a testament to the dedication of our physicians, nurses, and staff to caring for our patients,” said Todd Mann, President and Chief Executive Officer at Harlingen Medical Center. “HMC is dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. And, with the most experienced team in the Rio Grande Valley, here at HMC, it is a privilege to be the hospital of choice in this service line for the communities we serve.”

To earn the Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals Cardiovascular Benchmarks Award, a hospital must achieve high scores across eight equally weighted performance criteria that reflect use of evidence-based medicine, superior clinical outcomes, high procedure volume, great efficiency, and reasonable cost. The analysis focused on two prevalent cardiovascular conditions acute myocardial infarction and heart failure and two high volume interventions coronary artery bypass graft and percutaneous coronary intervention.

The distinguished hospitals were also evaluated in key performance areas that include risk-adjusted medical mortality, risk-adjusted surgical mortality, risk-adjusted complications, core measures score, percentage of coronary bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, procedure volume, and severity-adjusted average length of stay.

“We are honored to receive the 2009 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks Award,” said Brenda Ivory, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Clinical Services at Harlingen Medical Center. “This is one more tool that helps us achieve clinical excellence and keep us on track to reinventing the way cardiovascular care is delivered.”

“The recognized hospitals provide enormous value to their communities because heart disease is still the nation’s number one killer. And, they have set the new national standard for cardiovascular disease outcomes, process of care, and efficiency,” said Jean Chenoweth, Senior Vice President for Performance Improvement at Thomson Reuters, in a prepared statement.

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