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Columbus Community Hospital Earns ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures’[®] Recognition from The Joint Commission

Columbus, NE (November, 2015 – Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) announced today that it has been recognized as a 2014 *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*[®] by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

The Hospital was recognized as part of The Joint Commission’s 2015 annual report “*America’s Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety*,” for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for Surgical Care and Immunizations. CCH is one of only 1,043 hospitals out of more than 3,300 eligible hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2014 *Top Performer* distinction and only one of 117 to receive the award for five consecutive years and the only hospital in Nebraska to received the 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. The performance measures included in the recognition program including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children’s asthma, inpatient psychiatric services, stroke, venous thromboembolism, perinatal care, immunization, tobacco treatment and substance use.

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This is the fifth year Columbus Community Hospital has been recognized as a *Top Performer*. The Hospital was recognized in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 for its performance on accountability measure data.

To be a 2014 *Top Performer*, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2014 accountability measure data, including:

- Achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Have at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set, achieve a performance rate of 95 percent or above on all applicable individual accountability measures.

“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 Columbus Community Hospital for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions,” said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

“We understand what matters most to patients is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes,” said Mike Hansen, Hospital President and C.E.O. “Columbus Community Hospital is proud to be named a *Top Performer* as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff.”

For more information about the *Top Performer* program, visit

www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx.

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Columbus Community Hospital is a community-owned, not-for-profit hospital. The Hospital is a 47-bed acute-care facility licensed by the Nebraska State Board of Health and accredited through The Joint Commission, and is a member of the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA), American Hospital Association (AHA), Voluntary Hospital Association (VHA), Mid-America Hospital Alliance (MAHA) and Heartland Health Alliance (HHA).

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