The Dayton VA Medical Center Earns “Top Performer on Key Quality Measures” Recognition from The Joint Commission

Dayton, OH — The Dayton VA Medical Center today was named Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. The Dayton VA Medical Center was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions. The clinical processes focus on care for heart attack, pneumonia, surgery, children’s asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services. New this year is a category for immunization for pneumonia and influenza.

The Dayton VA Medical Center is one of the 1,099 hospitals in the U.S. earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. The Dayton VA Medical Center was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: Heart Failure, Pneumonia, and Surgical Care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2012 calendar year. The list of Top Performer organizations increased by 77 percent from last year and it represents 33 percent of all Joint Commission-accredited hospitals reporting accountability measure performance data for 2012.

The Dayton VA Medical Center and each of the hospitals that were named as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures must: 1) achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures; 2) achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there are at least 30 denominator cases; and 3) have at least one core measure set that has a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set all applicable individual accountability measures have a performance rate of 95 percent or above. A 95 percent score means a hospital provided an evidence-based practice of 95 times out of 100 opportunities. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice – examples include giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery, or providing a home management plan of care for children with asthma.

“The Dayton VA Medical Center and all the Top Performer hospitals have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to quality improvement and they should be proud of their achievement,” says Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P, M.P.H., president and chief executive officer, The Joint Commission. “We have much to celebrate this year. Nearly half of our accredited hospitals have attained or nearly attained the Top Performer distinction. This truly shows that we are approaching a tipping point in hospital quality performance that will directly contribute to better health outcomes for patients.”

“We understand that what matters most to patients at the Dayton VA Medical Center is safe, effective care. That’s why the Dayton VA Medical Center has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. The Dayton VA Medical Center is proud to
receive the distinction of being a Joint Commission *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures,*” says Glenn Costie, CEO and Director of the Dayton VA Medical Center.

In addition to being included in today’s release of The Joint Commission’s “*Improving America’s Hospitals*” annual report. The Dayton VA Medical Center will be recognized on The Join Commission’s Quality Check website ([www.qualitycheck.org](http://www.qualitycheck.org)). The *Top Performer* program will be featured in the December issues of The Joint Commission Perspectives and The Source.

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