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**Central Ohio Hospitals Improving Patient Care Through Collaboration**

*Updated report issued today*

Eighteen central Ohio hospitals continue to make significant gains in their efforts to improve health care quality by ensuring that patients with certain medical conditions receive all of the treatments recommended by national quality organizations.

An updated report, "All the Care, All the Time," issued today by the Central Ohio Hospital Quality Collaborative, showed that local hospitals have demonstrated:

- a 41.3% improvement in providing all recommended care to pneumonia patients;
- a 35.1% improvement in providing all recommended care to heart failure patients;
- a 13% improvement in providing all recommended care to heart attack patients; and
- a 9.2% improvement in providing all recommended care to surgical patients.

"Our local hospitals continue to demonstrate their commitment to improving the quality of patient care for central Ohioans through collaboration. The willingness of hospitals, which are ardent competitors, to come together in order to improve patient care demonstrates their dedication to patients and our community," said Jeff Klingler, president and CEO of the Central Ohio Hospital Council.

Through the Central Ohio Hospital Quality Collaborative, hospital representatives from throughout the greater central Ohio area come together to share, learn and implement best practices on specific clinical areas. For this particular effort, hospitals committed to implementing specific treatments, which are recommended by national quality organizations, to improve patient outcomes for pneumonia, heart attack, heart failure and surgical patients.

“Studies have shown that when health care providers share best practices and implement the most current evidence-based treatments, patients have better outcomes and an improved quality of life. That is the very goal of the Central Ohio collaborative and other quality collaborative projects around the state,” said David Engler, Ph.D., vice president of the OHA Quality Institute.

OHA is the statewide trade association representing Ohio hospitals and is the convener of the Central Ohio Hospital Quality Collaborative as well as similar collaboratives around Ohio. To learn more about the state’s hospital quality improvement collaboratives, visit [www.ohanet.org/Narrative/Quality%20Improvement%20Collaborative%20Projects](http://www.ohanet.org/Narrative/Quality%20Improvement%20Collaborative%20Projects).

The “All the Care, All the Time” report can be accessed at [www.centralohiohospitals.org/media.html](http://www.centralohiohospitals.org/media.html) . The report released today updates a report initially released in 2008.

Hospitals participating in the Central Ohio Hospital Quality Collaborative include:

- Berger Health System, Circleville
- Doctors Hospital West, Columbus
- Dublin Methodist Hospital
- Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster
- Grady Memorial Hospital, Delaware
- Grant Medical Center, Columbus
- James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, Columbus
- Licking Memorial Hospital, Newark
- Marion General Hospital
- Memorial Hospital of Union County, Marysville
- Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus
- Mount Carmel New Albany Hospital
- Mount Carmel St. Ann’s Hospital, Westerville
- Mount Carmel West Hospital, Columbus
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus
- The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus
- The Ohio State University Hospitals East, Columbus
- Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus

#### **About OHA**

*The Ohio Hospital Association was established in 1915 and currently represents 169 hospitals and 18 health systems throughout Ohio. OHA is a membership-driven organization that provides proactive leadership to create an environment in which Ohio hospitals are successful in serving their communities. Visit OHA’s Web site at [www.ohanet.org](http://www.ohanet.org). Follow OHA on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/OhioHospitals>.*

#### **About COHC**

*The Central Ohio Hospital Council was created in 2008 and represents Columbus’ four health care systems: Mount Carmel Health System, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, The Ohio State University Medical Center and OhioHealth. The Hospital Council works to assist the four hospital systems in meeting the health care needs of the Central Ohio community through increased collaboration and advocacy. Visit the Council’s Web site at [www.centralohiohospitals.org](http://www.centralohiohospitals.org)*

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