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Central Ohio Hospitals Collaborate, Issue Report on Quality Improvement

All the care, all the time. That has been the mantra of hospital workers throughout central Ohio over the past two years when caring for patients who are admitted for treatment of pneumonia, heart attack and heart failure.

Today, central Ohio hospitals are releasing “All the Care, All the Time,” a report that touts the success of their efforts to improve patient care in three clinical areas. The report documents the practice of area hospitals in providing patients all the treatments recommended by national quality organizations for pneumonia, heart attack and heart failure care. The first-ever report of the Central Ohio Hospital Quality Collaborative shows that over the past two years:

- Hospitals have demonstrated a 38% improvement in providing all recommended care to pneumonia patients;
- Hospitals have demonstrated an 8.1% improvement in providing all recommended care to heart failure patients; and
- Hospitals have demonstrated a 5.4% improvement in providing all recommended care to heart attack patients.

“Patient care in central Ohio has taken a giant step forward because of the commitment of our local hospitals to collaborate on clinical improvement. 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, hospitals 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 and heart failure 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 for the Research and Educational Foundation of the Ohio Hospital Association. OHA is the trade organization for all 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 <http://www.ohanet.org/research/collaboratives/default.asp>

The “All the Care, All the Time” report can be accessed at www.centralohiohospitals.org/media.html or can be ordered free of charge by contacting the Central Ohio Hospital Council at 614-358-2710. Hospitals participating in the Central Ohio Quality Collaborative include:

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

The Ohio Hospital Association was established in 1915 and currently represents 177 hospitals and 40 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. For information on top health care issues, visit the online OHA News Media Center at www.ohanet.org/media/.

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