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Lee Health Hospitals Named Among Nation's Top 50 for Heart Care
*For Second Straight Year, IBM Watson Health Includes HealthPark Medical Center
on List of 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals*

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Nov. 19, 2018) --- Lee Health's HealthPark Medical Center is among the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals for 2019, joining some of the most elite hospitals in the country including the Mayo Clinic, Henry Ford Hospital and Duke University Hospital.

IBM Watson Health's 50 top-performing hospitals represent the best of the best for heart care in the United States. HealthPark Medical Center is one of only two hospitals in Florida to earn the designation.

"We are humbled to be ranked among the Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals in the country," says Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health President and CEO. "This recognition is a testament to the commitment and dedication of our cardiovascular teams and is further proof that the processes and systems we have in place enable us to provide cutting-edge, high-quality, patient-centered care. This national recognition also furthers our vision as a health system to inspire hope and be a national leader for the advancement of health and healing."

The rankings are broken down by category, including Teaching Hospitals with Cardiovascular Residency Programs, Teaching Hospitals without Cardiovascular Residency Programs and Community Hospitals. Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center are included on the Teaching Hospitals without Cardiovascular Residency Program.

The annual study identifies top U.S. hospitals for inpatient cardiovascular services based on a balanced national scorecard of hospital performance metrics in the following areas:

- Clinical outcome measures
- Clinical process measures
- Extended outcome measures
- Efficiency measures
- Extended efficiency measures

The IBM Watson Health 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study (formerly the Truven Health Analytics study) is an annual, quantitative, objective study that recognizes the nation's best providers of cardiovascular care, based on publicly available data and a balanced look at operational, clinical and financial performance metrics. The study is part of the Watson Top 100 Hospitals program. For more information about the 100 Top Hospitals program, go to www.100TopHospitals.com.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.