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HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center Earns Highest Overall, Short-Stay, Ratings from U.S. News
Lee Health Facility Merits "Top Performing" Status Three Years in a Row

(Fort Myers, Fla. - Nov. 1, 2018) – HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center has been listed as a 2018-2019 Best Nursing Home by U.S. News & World Report, earning two top badges for quality care. Only 19 percent of the facilities U.S. News rated achieved a "Top Performing" badge and even fewer earned two.

New this year, U.S. News is giving most facilities two ratings – one for the overall quality of the home, the other a new "short-stay rehab" rating. This enhancement is designed to make the ratings more meaningful to consumers.

"We are very excited to receive not one, but two 'top-performing' ratings from U.S. News both for overall quality and for short-term stay excellence," said Dave Cato, Lee Health's chief administrative officer of outpatient services. "Our dedicated team strives to be a national leader in quality skilled nursing care and this recognition shows that we are achieving that."

HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center is one of only four facilities in Lee County that earned "Top Performing" status in the overall ratings (20 Lee County facilities were rated) and one of only two to earn a "Top Performing" badge in short-stay rehabilitation.

Analyzing data provided by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. News assigns each facility a rating ranging from "High-Performing" to "Poor." This rating evaluates a wide range of resident conditions and care at the nursing home, including both long-term chronic care and shorter-term rehabilitation. For the 2018-2019 ranking, U.S. News used CMS data health inspections, nurse staffing, and measures of medical quality of care for calculating its overall rating.

The short-stay rehabilitation rating is based on nine quality measures that focus on staffing, outcomes, resident complaints and processes of care. This rating designates nursing homes as "high-performing," "average" or "below average" for the care they provided to patients who spent 100 days or fewer at the skilled nursing facility.

HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center is a skilled nursing facility with 112 beds located adjacent to HealthPark Medical Center, where focused medical care is combined with personalized support services to help patients achieve their optimal health and independence.

Additional information about each nursing home rated and about the methodology used in the ratings is available online at <http://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes>

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.