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**U.S. News Rates Lee Health Hospitals as High Performing**  
*Lee Memorial Hospital/HealthPark Medical Center Ranked #12 in Florida*

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Sept. 5, 2018) --- Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center earned recognition as a 2018 Best Regional Hospital, ranking #12 in Florida out of 250 hospitals evaluated by U.S. News & World Report. The hospitals (combined) earned “High Performance” ratings in six medical procedures and conditions, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement, lung cancer surgery and heart bypass surgery. The ranking is two spots ahead of 2017.

Cape Coral Hospital and Gulf Coast Medical Center earned “High Performance” ratings in COPD and heart failure.

“This recognition from U.S. News & World Report demonstrates Lee Health’s commitment to being a national leader for the advancement of health and healing,” said Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health President & CEO. “As we continue to transform our processes to deliver high-quality, patient-centered care, we look to our ‘high performing’ areas for inspiration and leadership.”

The annual U.S. News “Best Hospitals” analysis reviews facilities’ performance in clinical specialties, conditions and procedures. Scores are based on several factors, including patient safety, survival, nurse staffing and more. Hospitals are ranked nationally and regionally within states and major metro areas.

The annual ratings in procedures and conditions focus on Medicare patients. U.S. News profiles and evaluates every hospital in the American Hospital Association’s Annual Survey Database. In 2018, U.S. News evaluated data on nearly 5,000 hospitals, nearly all inpatient facilities in the country, in 16 adult specialties, nine adult procedures and conditions and ten pediatric specialties. Only 10-20 percent of hospitals were rated ‘High Performing’ in each of the specialties, procedures and conditions evaluated.

**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](http://www.LeeHealth.org).*