

The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano Earns Top Rating Once Again for Cardiovascular Care

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons honors quality patient care with three-star rating

PLANO, Texas (May 31, 2016) – The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano[†] has been named one of only 12 hospitals in the United States to earn The Society of Thoracic Surgeons three-star rating in all three categories: isolated coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), isolated aortic valve replacement (AVR) and aortic valve replacement plus coronary artery bypass grafting (AVR+CABG).

“The Society of Thoracic Surgeons has developed a comprehensive rating system for the quality of cardiovascular surgery among hospitals across the country. During this most recent period, 1,017 facilities were ranked,” said Michael J. Mack, MD, medical director, cardiovascular service line and chair, Cardiovascular Governance Council, Baylor Scott & White Health.

A three-star rating is the highest achievable recognition and those three procedural groupings are the only ones where such ratings are awarded. [The Society of Thoracic Surgeons](#) awards rankings for fiscal year and calendar year periods. This most recent three-star ranking in all three categories is especially meaningful because it’s the second year in a row the hospital earned the same three-star ratings. “This is a true accomplishment,” said Dr. Mack.

The Society registry receives and analyzes data from member hospitals on a yearly basis: those data documenting avoidance of mortality and major complications, post-operative outcomes, and the use of data-driven processes and medications to positively impact outcomes.

“Achieving the three-star ratings tells our patients and referring physicians how seriously and consistently the clinical staff pursue and achieve quality care,” said Bruce Lytle, MD, chairman of cardiovascular strategic development and planning for cardiovascular medicine and surgery at The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano.

[†] Joint ownership with physicians

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is an international not-for-profit organization of cardiothoracic surgeons, researchers and other health professionals. Its mission is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons and their teams to provide high quality patient care through research, advocacy and the education of both the public and health care providers. The Society founded the data registry to monitor and analyze data involving surgery of the heart, lungs, esophagus and chest to identify best practices and improve patient outcomes.

About The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano

The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano is ranked fifth in the nation for heart valve surgery and the sixth largest cardiac surgery center in the United States* today. Consumers can find information about the hospital's high quality standards through websites such as [Hospital Compare](#). The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano opened in January 2007 with 86 physician partners and now has 135 physician partners. (*Source: MedAssets Performance Management Solutions, Inc.)

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** based on unaudited 2015 fiscal year statements

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