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HPS members make Solucient's Top 100 Hospitals® of 2006

HPS congratulates the eight member hospitals made the 2006 list of top hospitals as rated by Solucient, a national healthcare information company. This annual list highlights the best providers in the nation based on a variety of factors, including management and clinical outcomes. The benchmarks set by these high performing organizations provide goals for hospitals to improve performance in areas such as patient outcomes, patient safety, national treatment standards, efficiency, financial stability and growth in service.

Several HPS hospitals are on the list for the second year:

St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit,
McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, Mich.
and Mecosta County Medical Center in Big Rapids, Mich.

The other five HPS hospitals on the list are debuting for the first time:

Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.,
MidMichigan Medical Center – Midland, Midland, Mich.,
Hackley Hospital, Muskegon, Mich.,
Port Huron Hospital, Port Huron, Mich.,
and Pennock Hospital, Hastings, Mich.

According to Solucient, the 100 Top Hospitals have higher survival rates, keep more patients complication-free, and attract more patients—all while maintaining higher profits. Solucient estimates that if all Medicare inpatients received the same level of care as those in the 100 Top Hospitals winners; more than 100,000 additional patients would survive each year; more than 114,000 patient complications would be avoided annually; expenses would decline by an aggregate \$10.9 billion a year; and the average patient stay would decrease by more than half a day. If the same standards were applied to all inpatients, the impact could be even greater.

The 100 Top Hospital award winners also can use positive reporting to report successes to their communities, reward their employees with better pay and have better patient safety, saving lives and dollars

Additional information on the Top 100 hospital study, including the entire list of the top 100, can be found at www.100tophospitals.com. An article detailing elements of the study can also be found in the May 7, 2007 edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.