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Southeast Missouri Hospital Receives Five-Star Ratings for Stroke, Other Medical Conditions

Southeast Missouri Hospital has achieved Five-Star ratings by HealthGrades® for 2010 for stroke, treatment of pneumonia, carotid surgery, prostatectomy, gastrointestinal procedures and surgeries, and treatment of respiratory failure. The Five-Star rating is the highest rating issued by HealthGrades, the nation's leading independent, healthcare ratings organization.

Our Hospital ranks in the top 10 in Missouri for treatment of stroke and is the only hospital in the southeast Missouri region to receive such a rating.

"This recognition is a tribute to the outstanding care provided by our physicians, nurses and all other members of our Hospital staff. Our Five-Star ratings demonstrate our commitment to provide people in our region with the best in healthcare services and outcomes," says E. Lee Taylor, MD, JD, Southeast's Vice President/Chief Medical Officer.

It's the second year in a row that Southeast Hospital has been Five-Star rated for stroke, treatment of pneumonia and carotid surgery.

The prestigious recognition follows two other accolades from HealthGrades. Southeast received the Patient Safety Excellence Award™ for 2009 and the Outstanding Patient Experience Award for 2009-2010.