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## **KershawHealth Earns “Top Performer on Key Quality Measures”<sup>®</sup> Recognition from The Joint Commission**



The Joint Commission's  
*Top Performer on  
Key Quality Measures<sup>®</sup>*  
2014

(Camden - November 24, 2015) – KershawHealth announced today that it has been recognized as a 2015 *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures<sup>®</sup>* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States. The *Top Performer* program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions.

KershawHealth was recognized as part of The Joint Commission's 2015 annual report *"America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety,"* for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for seven conditions: *heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, VTE (venous thromboembolism), stroke, and immunization.* An accountability measure is a quality measure that meets four criteria designed to identify measures that produce the greatest positive impact on patient outcomes when hospitals demonstrate improvement.

KershawHealth is one of only 1,043 hospitals out of more than 3,300 eligible hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2015 *Top Performer* distinction. In addition, it is the only Midlands hospital to garner the distinction.

"We have worked diligently over the past few years to make quality and patient safety one of our highest priorities, and this recognition shows how we are demonstrating the relationship between implementing evidenced-based care and achieving better outcomes for our patients," says Divya Reddy, KershawHealth Chief Quality Officer.

To be a 2015 *Top Performer*, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2014 accountability measure data, including:

- Achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Have at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set, achieve a performance rate of 95 percent or above on all applicable individual accountability measures.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of KershawHealth for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

"The ongoing focus on quality patient care and safety necessary to achieve this accomplishment comes only through the knowledge, dedication, and teamwork of our physicians, clinical staff, and, indeed, every member of our hospital staff. We understand what matters most to patients at KershawHealth is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes," said Terry Gunn, KershawHealth CEO. "KershawHealth is proud to be named a *Top Performer* – we have made quality and patient safety a top priority, and this recognition reinforces the success of those efforts."

For more information about the *Top Performer* program, visit [www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top\\_performers.aspx](http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx).

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### **About KershawHealth**

Founded by local citizens in 1913 as the Camden Hospital, KershawHealth has always had close ties to the community it serves. Today, it is a comprehensive healthcare system with facilities in Camden, Elgin, Lugoff, Bethune and Kershaw, including the 121-bed Medical Center at Camden, Outpatient Center and Urgent Care at Elgin, West Wateree Medical Complex, Sleep Diagnostics Center, and Physical Therapy at Kershaw. KershawHealth provides a wide range of diagnostic, medical, surgical, emergency and urgent care, rehabilitation, post-acute care services, and home health and hospice care, as well as general and specialty physician services. Today, KershawHealth's mission remains to provide everyone with quality, cost-effective, personalized care and to improve their health and well-being. For more information, visit the website at [KershawHealth.org](http://KershawHealth.org).