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**U.S. News & World Report Names St. Francis-Emory Healthcare  
Among Best Hospitals 2024-2025 as ‘High Performing’ for Six Procedures and/or Conditions**

**COLUMBUS, Georgia (July 17, 2024)** – St. Francis-Emory Healthcare has been named by U.S. News & World Report to its 2024-2025 [Best Hospitals](#) as a High Performing hospital for Congestive Heart Failure, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Heart Attack, Kidney Failure, Pneumonia, and Stroke. This is the highest distinction a hospital can earn for U.S. News’ Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings.

The annual Procedures & Conditions ratings are designed to assist patients and their healthcare providers in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions or elective procedures.

“We are thrilled to be recognized by U.S. News as a ‘high-performing’ hospital and hope this distinction validates the incredible work our team gives each and every day to the communities we serve,” said Melody Trimble, FACHE, CEO of St. Francis-Emory Healthcare. “This accolade and the research behind it reaffirms that St. Francis-Emory Healthcare provides exceptional care in many of the primary procedures and conditions essential to an acute care community hospital.”

U.S. News evaluated nearly 5,000 hospitals across 15 specialties and 20 procedures and conditions. Hospitals awarded a “Best” designation excelled at factors such as clinical outcomes, level of nursing care and patient experience.

“For 35 years, U.S. News has been a leading resource for patients navigating their health care decisions,” said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis and managing editor at U.S. News. “The ‘High Performing’ designation acknowledges hospitals that consistently deliver high-quality care for specific medical procedures and conditions. This recognition highlights their expertise and commitment to patient well-being.”

To calculate the Best Hospitals rankings, U.S. News evaluated each hospital’s performance on objective measures such as risk-adjusted mortality rates, preventable complications and level of nursing care. The Best Hospitals Specialty rankings [methodology](#) and Procedures & Conditions ratings [methodology](#) measure patient outcomes using data from millions of records provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. This year, among other [methodology refinements](#), U.S. News incorporated new data on care provided to patients with Medicare Advantage insurance and on care provided to outpatients, nearly doubling the number of patients included in its annual data analysis. The Procedures & Conditions ratings are based entirely on objective quality measures.

For more information, visit [Best Hospitals](#) and use #BestHospitals on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [X](#) (formerly Twitter).

#### **About St. Francis-Emory Healthcare**

Since opening our doors in 1950, the caregivers at St. Francis-Emory Healthcare have been committed each day to providing the highest quality care in West Georgia and East Alabama. With 376 beds on two campuses, more than 2,500 associates, and 300 physicians, we offer a full range of inpatient, outpatient, and emergency room services, including the only open-heart surgery program in Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley. Learn more about St. Francis-Emory Healthcare at [mystfrancis.com](http://mystfrancis.com).

#### **About U.S. News & World Report**

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