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Madison VA hospital nationally recognized for quality care

MADISON, Wis. — William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison yesterday was named one of the nation's 405 top performers by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. The hospital earned the distinction of "top performer on key quality measures" for attaining and sustaining excellence in evidence-based clinical processes shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care.

The Madison VA Hospital was among 20 VA facilities in the nation and one of only seven Wisconsin hospitals to earn the top performer distinction.

These hospitals were recognized for sustained excellence for the full previous year (2010) and represent approximately 14 percent of Joint Commission-accredited hospitals and critical access hospitals that measure performance data.

"We at VA are very pleased with the recognition from The Joint Commission and proud of the medical centers that made this list, proving VA's dedication to performance measurement and accountability are placing Veterans' health care among the top tiers of the country," said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. "I hope American Veterans hear this news and either take renewed confidence in the care they receive or decide to try VA health care for the first time."

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“This recognition validates to us — and to our patients — that Veterans who receive care here can be assured of top quality care,” said Deborah A. Thompson, Director of the Madison VA Hospital.

William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital is a Madison-based 87-bed acute care facility that provides health care for Veterans who live in a 13,600 square mile service area of 15 counties in south-central Wisconsin and five counties in northwestern Illinois. The hospital operates an annex clinic in Madison and community-based outpatient clinics in Baraboo, Beaver Dam and Janesville, Wis., and in Freeport and Rockford, Ill. The total Veteran population in the Madison VA Hospital’s service area is more than 120,000. For more information about the hospital, visit www.madison.va.gov.

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