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## Press Release

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### **FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> YEAR IN A ROW, CLEVELAND CLINIC HEART CENTER IS RANKED NO. 1 IN U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT “AMERICA’S BEST HOSPITAL” SURVEY**

**Cleveland Clinic Ranked Nation’s 4<sup>th</sup> Best Hospital Overall, Placing in Top Twenty of  
All Specialties Surveyed; Twelve Specialties Ranked Among Nation’s Top Ten**

**Friday, July 13, Cleveland:** For the thirteenth consecutive year, Cleveland Clinic’s cardiac care has been ranked No. 1 in the U.S., according to the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* “America’s Best Hospitals” survey.

The survey recognized Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation’s best hospitals overall, ranking the Clinic as No. 4 in the country. The Clinic ranked in all 16 specialties surveyed by the magazine. Twelve of its specialties were listed among the Top 10 in the United States. All the Clinic’s specialties placed in the nation’s top 20.

A full list of the national hospital rankings will be published in the July 23 issue of *U.S. News & World Report* magazine available on newsstands Monday, July 16. Rankings for pediatrics are not included because they will be featured in the magazine’s Sept. 3 issue, available for purchase on Monday, Aug. 27.

“At Cleveland Clinic, delivering high-quality, patient-centered healthcare is at the heart of everything we do,” said Delos M. “Toby” Cosgrove, M.D., President and CEO of Cleveland Clinic. “I commend our physicians, nurses and all employees for their tireless dedication and efforts in putting patients first and providing them with high-quality, compassionate healthcare. The *U.S. News* survey data provides a useful benchmark as we continue to provide world-class medical care.”

The complete 2007 national rankings for Cleveland Clinic are: heart and heart surgery 1; digestive disorders, 2; urology, 2; orthopedics, 4; rheumatology, 4; kidney disease 5;



respiratory disorders, 5; neurology and neurosurgery, 6; endocrinology, 6; gynecology, 7; ear, nose and throat, 9; geriatrics, 9; ophthalmology, 12; cancer, 17; psychiatry, 19; and rehabilitation, 20.

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, of 5,462 hospitals evaluated by the magazine, 173 scored high enough in measures of quality, including mortality and patient volume, to be ranked in at least one specialty this year.

The 18 hospitals selected for the magazine's 2007 Honor Roll, with Cleveland Clinic ranked No. 4, "displayed the marked breadth of expertise" and high scores in at least six specialties, according to *U.S. News*.

RTI International, Research Triangle Park, N.C., compiled all hospital data and developed the 2007 rankings on behalf of *U.S. News & World Report*. In 12 of the 16 specialties ranked, hard data largely determine a hospital's position. In the other four, (ophthalmology, psychiatry, rehabilitation and rheumatology) the rankings are based on each program's reputation among specialist physicians.)

Cleveland Clinic, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a not-for-profit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Cleveland Clinic was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently names Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Approximately 1,800 full-time salaried physicians and researchers at Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2006, there were 3.1 million outpatient visits to Cleveland Clinic. Patients came for treatment from every state and from more than 80 countries. There were more than 53,000 hospital admissions to Cleveland Clinic in 2006. Cleveland Clinic's Web site address is [www.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.clevelandclinic.org).

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