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United Hospital District Receives the 2019 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care

Emergency room waiting times one of key measurements for award

Blue Earth, MN – March 4, 2019 – United Hospital District (UHD) has been named one of America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care by the [Women's Choice Award®](#), America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare. The award signifies that UHD is in the top 8.4% of 3,726 U.S. hospitals offering emergency care services.

The methodology for America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care award is unique in that it combines Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems ([HCAHPS survey results](#)) with primary research about women's healthcare preferences. The award recognizes excellence in emergency care based on several process of care measures focused on time patients spent in the emergency department, including:

- Time to admission
- Time from admission to room
- Door to diagnosis

Criteria for selecting United Hospital District as one of America's best also included the average time before outpatients with chest pain or a possible heart attack received an ECG, and the average time patients with broken bones had to wait before getting pain medication. Awarded hospitals represent

those with emergency departments with average measure times in the highest 25th to 50th percentile in the country.

The award is especially significant given that long waits and high crowding can negatively impact patient outcomes, including patients leaving without receiving medical treatment, longer overall length of hospital stay and an increase in mortality rates.

“Emergency departments can be very stressful environments, particularly for the elderly or a mother with a sick or injured child,” said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women’s Choice Award. “Women make over 80% of healthcare decisions and want to be confident that they know which emergency departments in their communities will take care of their loved ones quickly and with the best possible care.”

UHD is one of 313 award recipients nationwide representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for emergency care in the U.S. by the Women’s Choice Award.

“Our mission of quality, patient-centered care is at the center of everything we do at UHD. Every day our physicians, advanced practice providers and staff are focused on providing exceptional care in every department at UHD,” said UHD CEO Rick Ash. “We are especially honored to receive this Emergency Care Award as it clearly validates their ongoing dedication and commitment to every patient - every time.”

For more information about the America’s Best Hospitals for Emergency Care, please visit <https://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/healthcare/>.

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ABOUT UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT

United Hospital District is a 25-bed Critical Access facility in rural Blue Earth, MN. It offers a full range of primary and specialty care services, including allergy & asthma, cardiology, ENT, ophthalmology, orthopedics, OB/GYN, rehab therapies (PT/OT/Speech Pathology) and urology. The hospital supports a patient-centered care philosophy and its network includes four clinic locations plus a Home Health and Hospice program, and the Adolescent Treatment Center, an inpatient recovery program providing substance use and mental health services.

ABOUT THE WOMEN’S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women’s Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women’s Choice Award was

recently honored by the INC 5000 List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2017 for a third consecutive year. Visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/> to learn more.

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