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U.S. NEWS RANKS NORTH CYPRESS MEDICAL CENTER #10 IN HOUSTON AND #37 IN TEXAS FOR BEST HOSPITALS AND RANKS AS HIGH-PERFORMING IN ORTHOPEDICS

Washington DC, 7/17/12 - U.S. News & World Report today released its annual Best Hospitals rankings. This year's Best Hospitals, the 23rd annual edition, showcases more than 720 of the nation's roughly 5,000 hospitals. Fewer than 150 are nationally ranked in at least one of 16 medical specialties. The rest of the recognized hospitals met a standard of performance nearly as demanding in one or more specialties.

"We are thrilled to have been recognized. The hospital has only been opened for 5 ½ years and this is quite an accomplishment. I am so proud of our physicians and staff," states Robert A. Behar, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. "We look forward to improving our scores further in next year's survey."

The hospital rankings, said U.S. News Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow, are like a GPS-type aid to help steer patients to hospitals with strong skills in the procedures and medical conditions that present the biggest challenges. "All of these hospitals are the kinds of medical centers that should be on your list when you need the best care," said Comarow. "They are where other hospitals send the toughest cases."

The rankings were published by U.S. News in collaboration with RTI International, a research organization based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Highlights of the 2012-13 rankings will appear in the U.S. News *Best Hospitals 2013* guidebook, to go on sale in August.

The complete rankings and methodology are available at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals>.

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