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Five UM/Jackson Programs are Ranked Among the Best Nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report*

University of Miami/Jackson Named No. 1 Again in South Florida

Five University of Miami Miller School of Medicine programs at Jackson Memorial Medical Center (UM/Jackson) have been ranked among the best in the nation in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011-2012 Best Hospitals survey, with UM's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute ranked Number One in ophthalmology for the eighth year in a row.

The four other nationally ranked programs at UM/Jackson are neurology and neurosurgery, ranked 33; ear, nose and throat, No. 34; urology, No. 43; and nephrology or kidney disorders, No. 45.

And for the second time in four months, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center the Number One hospital in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale metropolitan area.

“To be recognized in this way is powerful proof of the exceptional clinical care provided by Miller School faculty physicians to every single patient,” said Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D., Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the Miller School of Medicine and CEO of UHealth-University of Miami Health System. “This national recognition would not be possible if it were not for our long-term relationship with Jackson Memorial Hospital that provides academic medical care to patients from South Florida and beyond.”

“We are extremely proud of these rankings, which are a testament to the exceptional medical care that is provided at the University of Miami/Jackson

Memorial Medical Center,” said Carlos A. Migoya, president and CEO of Jackson Health System. “Not only is UM/Jackson considered the best hospital in South Florida, but it is also ranked among the nation’s elite.”

Eduardo C. Alfonso, M.D., professor and chairman of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, said, “At Bascom Palmer, it is the well-being of our patients that inspires us to continually reach higher and excel even more in the areas of vision research, education, and surgical innovation. Receiving the Number One ranking for eight consecutive years is a strong reflection of the exceptional expertise of our amazing team. Together, our 1,200 talented ophthalmologists, vision researchers, nurses, ophthalmic technicians, and support staff start every work day with one priority: to ensure that each of our patients receives the ultimate in compassion and medical care.”

The standards for ranking are rigorous. This year, only 140 of the 4,825 hospitals that were surveyed performed well enough to rank in even one specialty. Eligibility in a particular specialty required hospitals to meet a volume requirement based on Medicare inpatients. In each specialty in which a hospital was a candidate to be ranked, it received a U.S. News score from 0 to 100 based on four elements: reputation, patient survival, patient safety, and care-related factors such as nursing and patient services. The 50 top performers were then ranked.

In May, Holtz Children’s Hospital at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center was recognized among the best in the country in *U.S. News & World Report’s* Best Children's Hospitals rankings. The rankings recognized the top 50 children’s hospitals in 10 specialties.

Holtz was ranked in seven specialties: 25th in neonatology, 26th in nephrology, 41st in diabetes and endocrinology, 42nd in urology, 43rd in both cardiology/heart surgery and gastroenterology, and 49th in cancer. In addition, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and UM/Jackson’s ear, nose and throat program support Holtz in providing child health services.

All of the rankings will be featured in *U.S. News Best Hospitals* guidebook, which will go on sale August 30.