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Frederick Health Ranks # 1 in Maryland for Stroke Care

Frederick, MD - May 27, 2022– Frederick Health ranks #1 in Maryland for Stroke Care according to a new analysis released by Healthgrades, the leading resource that connects consumers, physicians, and health systems. Additionally, Frederick Health ranks in the Top 3 in Maryland for Critical Care and is a Critical Care Excellence Award recipient. For the state ranking analysis, Healthgrades evaluated clinical performance for nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide focusing on eight key specialties across a mix of chronic, urgent, and planned clinical areas.

"This is a huge honor for Frederick Health," says April Fogle, Stroke Program Coordinator with Frederick Health. "There are a lot of quality hospitals in the state of Maryland, so to be given this recognition by Healthgrades America is a testament to the hard work of our team and a clear indication to residents of Frederick County that they have the best care right here in their community."

Hospitals recognized as among the Top Ranked in their state by Healthgrades are providing patients with measurably superior clinical outcomes. Patients treated at hospitals receiving a state ranking for Stroke Care have on average 38.4% lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals that were not state ranked for Stroke Care.

"This prestigious award from Healthgrades is not only a statement that Frederick Health is the premier source of care in the community, but it also speaks volumes about our expert and talented team." said Dr. Shahid Rafiq, Medical Director, Stroke & Neurology, Frederick Health.

Additionally, patients treated at hospitals receiving a state ranking for Critical Care have on average 27.5% lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals that were not state ranked for Critical Care. * Access to quality information can inform and empower consumers in their decision-making process, and direct them to the best care. This is why Healthgrades is committed to delivering the most scientifically accurate and comprehensive information about doctors and hospitals — with data insights not available anywhere else.

"Being ranked #1 in Maryland for Stroke Care is a testament to Frederick Health's continued commitment to top quality care. Hospitals receiving a #1 ranking in their state have much to be proud of as their deep medical expertise has built a track record of delivering positive outcomes for their patients," said Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Head of Data Science, Healthgrades. Bowman added, "For almost 25 years, our mission has been to provide consumers with clear and

accessible information to make more informed healthcare decisions. Patients can feel confident knowing that they have access to #1 ranked care for Stroke Care at Frederick Health."

Consumers can visit healthgrades.com for more information on how Healthgrades measures hospital quality and access the complete methodology here.

About Frederick Health
Frederick Health provides comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of Frederick County. The system includes Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick Health Medical Group, Frederick Health Employer Solutions, Frederick Health Home Care, and Frederick Health Hospice. Frederick Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty practice with more than 100 providers, 17 specialties and multiple locations across the county. The system has several ambulatory care locations, the freestanding James M Stockman Cancer Institute, two urgent care locations, and the Frederick Health Village.

With over 4,500 team members, Frederick Health provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness services to support its mission to positively impact the well-being of every individual in our community. For more information on Frederick Health's numerous awards and recognitions, you can visit www.frederickhealth.org/

About Healthgrades
Healthgrades is dedicated to empowering stronger and more meaningful connections between patients and their healthcare providers. As the #1 platform for finding a doctor and a leader in healthcare transparency, we help millions of consumers each month find and schedule appointments with their provider of choice and prepare for their appointments with best-in-class, treatment-focused content. Our health system, provider, and life sciences marketing solutions have been helping our partners reach and engage consumers who are on their way to the doctor for over 20 years.

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Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2018 through 2020 and represent three-year estimates for Medicare patients only. To view the complete methodology, please visit: https://www.healthgrades.com/quality/healthgrades-specialty-state-rankings-methodology

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