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U.S. News ranks AnMed Health among best in the Upstate

(Washington, D.C. – July 17, 2013) – U.S. News & World Report has released its annual Best Hospitals rankings. This year's Best Hospitals, the 24^{th} 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.

AnMed Health ranked fifth out of 90 hospitals in South Carolina and was recognized among the Best Hospitals in the Upstate. AnMed Health was also listed as high-performing in cancer, gastroenterology and GI surgery, geriatrics, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology and urology.

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," Comarow said. "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 2013-14 rankings will appear in the U.S. News *Best Hospitals 2014* 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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