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## **USMD Hospital at Arlington Recognized for High Quality of Care**

*Local Hospital Receives Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Award*

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – (April 17, 2012) USMD Hospital at Arlington has received the Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Bronze Award from TMF® Health Quality Institute, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Texas. TMF established the awards program in partnership with The Texas Hospital Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals and Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

To earn the Bronze Award, a hospital had to achieve or maintain performance between 80 and 90 percent on the Appropriate Care Measure and to have met all other awards requirements. These included collecting data on quality indicators for four rolling quarters beginning October 1, 2010, having mortality scores within the projected range and submitting the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey (HCAHPS) data.

Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Awards honor Texas hospitals that are performing quality initiatives aimed at improving outcomes in patient care by recognizing those hospitals that have improved their performance on specific national quality measures.

The awards acknowledge hospitals for improving care related to acute myocardial infarction or AMI (heart attack), heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. These clinical areas have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and The Joint Commission, an independent nonprofit, standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

CMS and The Joint Commission targeted these areas as priorities because they measure care for common, serious health conditions that affect all adult patients. The quality measures—such as an initial antibiotic dose within four hours of admission for patients with pneumonia—are designed to ensure hospitals provide care consistent with current medical guidelines.

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“To achieve this recognition, we had to demonstrate significant improvement across several national quality measures. Our success illustrates our commitment to patient safety and to delivering quality health care,” said Marcia Crim, RN, BSN, MS, Hospital CEO and Chief Nursing Officer. “It was a significant amount of work, but well worth it because it was the right thing to do for our patients.”

Out of 214 participating Texas hospitals, 2 were presented with the Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Gold Award. The Silver Award went to 129 hospitals, and 36 hospitals earned the Bronze Award. Hospitals receiving these awards will be recognized at a special ceremony in Austin on May 3.

For more information on the awards program, see the TMF Health Quality Institute awards Web site at <http://award.tmf.org>.

### **About USMD Hospital at Arlington**

USMD Hospital at Arlington, located at 801 West Interstate 20 in Arlington, Texas, is a physician-owned, community hospital. Its robotic team has performed more robotic surgeries than any other group in North Texas and focuses on the areas of urological, gynecological, bariatric, and colon and rectal surgery. In addition, the hospital’s medical staff also includes specialists in the areas of ENT, general surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, podiatry and urology. To learn more about USMD Hospital at Arlington and the services it offers, visit their website at [usmdarlington.com](http://usmdarlington.com).

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