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**SOUTH TEXAS SPINE & SURGICAL HOSPITAL
NAMED AMERICA'S 100 BEST FOR SPINE SURGERY FOR
FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

Healthgrades Analyzes Patient Outcomes in Nearly 4,500 Hospitals

San Antonio, Texas (October 20, 2017) – South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital (STSSH) released today that it has been recognized by [Healthgrades](#) as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals™ for Spine Surgery for the 4th consecutive year. Healthgrades evaluated nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 34 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions.* Healthgrades identified the 100 best-performing hospitals across all conditions or procedures evaluated within Spine Surgery.

The achievement is part of findings released today in the ***Healthgrades 2018 Report to the Nation***. The new report demonstrates how clinical performance continues to differ dramatically between hospitals nationally, regionally and at the local level, and the impact that this variation may have on health outcomes. For example, from 2014-2016, patients treated at hospitals which did not receive the America's 100 Best Hospitals for Spine Surgery Award are on average 1.92 times more likely to experience one or more complications in the hospital than if they were treated at hospitals that did receive the award.*

Similarly, from 2014-2016, patients treated at hospitals receiving the America's 100 Best Hospitals for Spine Surgery Award have on average, 47.9% lower risk of experiencing a complication while in the hospital than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award.*

“To me, the most impressive aspect of receiving these Healthgrades awards again, is the consecutive years of recognition. They reflect-ongoing and sustained excellence as a healthcare facility in every aspect of its operations and patient care. Staff and team members, many of whom have been here from the opening of the hospital 15 years ago, will tell you that South Texas Spine and Surgical Hospital has always been this way, and that's entirely true. There is a passion for taking great care of patients at South Texas Spine and Surgical Hospital that is unsurpassed and unwavering over time. It is a very special place,” stated orthopedic surgeon and hospital partner, Ajeya P. Joshi, M.D.

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South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital is committed to continuous improvement to provide superior healthcare services by way of ongoing staff training and incorporating the latest technological innovations in orthopedic surgery. Most recently, STSSH acquired the Navio Surgical System, a handheld robotic system which assists the surgeon to perform partial and total knee replacements with absolute precision.

South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital received the Healthgrades Spine Surgery Excellence Award for the 4th consecutive year. It is also a 5-Star recipient for: Spinal Fusion (6th consecutive year), Back Surgery (3rd consecutive year), Top 5% in the Nation for Spine Surgery (3rd consecutive year), Top 10% in the Nation for Spine Surgery (4th consecutive year) and Total Knee Replacement (2nd consecutive year).

“Many consumers believe that hospital quality is standardized, though the reality is that clinical quality and outcomes at hospitals vary widely across the country,” said Brad Bowman, M.D., Healthgrades, Chief Medical Officer. “The hospitals that have achieved the Healthgrades America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Spine Surgery distinction have demonstrated a commitment to exceptional quality of care and can distinguish themselves to consumers seeking care at high-quality facilities.”

About Healthgrades

*For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 45 million Medicare inpatient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide to assess hospital performance in 32 common conditions and procedures, and evaluate outcomes in appendectomy and bariatric surgery using all-payer data provided by 17 states. Healthgrades recognizes a hospital’s quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5-star (statistically significantly better than expected), 3-star (not statistically different from expected) and 1-star (statistically significantly worse than expected) categories. The complete ***Healthgrades 2018 Report to the Nation*** and detailed study methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality.

About South Texas Spine and Surgical Hospital

Surgery Partners (formerly National Surgical Healthcare) has partnered with local physicians to establish South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital. In this partnership, the physicians assist in management of the hospital, resulting in a hospital solely run for the benefit of the patient. This innovative approach creates an integrated and holistic approach to healthcare. As a nationally recognized center for spine and joint care excellence, STSSH takes pride in providing the highest quality clinical care in a one-on-one, warm and caring environment. For additional information, please visit www.southtexassurgical.com or like us on Facebook.

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**Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2014 through 2016 and represent 3-year estimates for Medicare patients only*