

# News Release

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## **AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center ranks seventh in nation for care of heart attack, congestive heart failure, pneumonia**

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC), which has campuses in Atlantic City and Pomona, New Jersey, is ranked seventh among the nation's hospitals in providing quality care for heart attack, congestive heart failure and pneumonia. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services this week announced that ARMC was among the top hospitals in the nation, and that New Jersey ranks first nationwide in delivering high-quality hospital care.

Results are based on a New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services analysis of data in Hospital Compare, the hospital-performance web site the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA) created. Nearly 4,000 hospitals nationwide report data to CMS.

"Providing our community with the quality care it needs and deserves is our responsibility," said David Tilton, president and CEO of ARMC. "We are seventh in the nation in providing the recommended care for adults being treated for heart attack, heart failure or pneumonia, or having surgery in these areas because we've focused on improving quality and the standard of care for years."

Tilton attributed the teamwork of physicians, nurses and support staff in identifying and carrying out protocols that ensure prompt, appropriate treatment for patients. "Providing the best patient care depends on collaboration and coordination of hundreds of people, many of whom do not directly touch the patient," he said. "The Emergency, Radiology, Lab, Pharmacy and Mobile Intensive Care departments are among those who ensure patients get quality care, fast."

ARMC is a 567-bed, not-for-profit, hospital that was founded in 1898. ARMC has two campuses -- the Atlantic City campus, where the hospital was founded; and the Mainland campus, which opened in 1975 and is located in Pomona, New Jersey, one of the state's fastest growing residential and commercial areas.

For more information about AtlantiCare or AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, visit [www.atlanticare.org](http://www.atlanticare.org). For more information about quality healthcare, visit the Hospital Compare web site at [www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/](http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/); the Commonwealth Fund web site at [www.cmwf.org/publications/publications\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=327240](http://www.cmwf.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=327240) or the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services web site at [www.state.nj.us/health/](http://www.state.nj.us/health/).

AtlantiCare is a regional healthcare organization based in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, whose more than 4,000 employees serve the healthcare needs of the community at more than 60 locations. It includes AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC), the AtlantiCare Foundation, AtlantiCare Health Plans, AtlantiCare Behavioral Health, AtlantiCare Health Services and InfoShare, an information resources and technology company. ARMC is one of the elite hospitals nationwide to achieve the J.D. Power and Associates Distinguished Hospital designation for service excellence and patient satisfaction, two years in a row for 2004 and 2005. ARMC became the 105th hospital in the nation to attain status as a Magnet™ designated hospital in March of 2004.