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THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF TEXAS RANKS IN TOP 50 BEST HOSPITALS FOR GYNECOLOGY IN *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S* 2008 AMERICA'S BEST HOSPITALS SURVEY

HOUSTON – July 11, 2008 – The Woman's Hospital of Texas (Woman's) announced today it is ranked in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 survey of America's top 50 best hospitals for gynecologic care. For a second consecutive year, Woman's earned one of two spots awarded to institutions located near the Texas Medical Center.

"The America's Best Hospitals rankings provide readers with trusted material during some of life's most concerning times – hospitalization," said Brian Kelly, editor of *U.S. News & World Report*. "Our rankings highlight the internal culture of excellence embraced by caregivers in the great hospitals throughout the U.S."

The latest issue of America's Best Hospitals is accessible today online at www.usnews.com/besthospitals and on sale at newsstands Monday, July 14. Authoritative and influential, the 2008 America's Best Hospitals guide ranks 170 medical centers nationwide in 16 specialties.

The rankings in 12 of the 16 specialties – of which gynecologic care is included – weigh three elements equally: reputation, death rate, and a set of care-related factors such as nursing and patient services. In these 12 specialties, hospitals have to pass through several gates to be ranked and considered a Best Hospital:

1. The first gate determines whether a hospital is eligible to be ranked at all by requiring that any of three conditions be met--to be a teaching hospital, to be affiliated with a teaching hospital, or to have at least six important medical technologies from a defined list of 13.
2. The second gate determines whether a hospital is eligible to be ranked in a particular specialty. To be eligible, the hospital had to either have at least a specified volume in certain procedures and conditions over three years, or had to have been nominated in the yearly specialist survey.
3. The third gate is whether a hospital does well enough to be ranked, based on its reputation, death rate, and factors like nurse staffing and technology.

"For more than 30 years, The Woman's Hospital of Texas has been the state's premier care provider for women and newborns. It is such a great honor to be recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for what we do best, and we're pleased that our dedication translates to the highest level of service for our patients," said Linda Russell, CEO of The Woman's Hospital of Texas.

Woman's focuses not only on outstanding gynecological care but also medical care throughout every stage of a woman's life including regular obstetrical care, high risk pregnancy and minimally invasive surgery. In fall 2009, Woman's is slated to unveil its \$75 million expansion which will add 92 additional beds to its location near the Texas Medical Center.

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About the Woman's Hospital of Texas

Established in 1976, The Woman's Hospital of Texas (Woman's) is a nationally recognized, specialty hospital in the Houston area dedicated exclusively to the care of women and infants. Woman's staff, including cutting-edge Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and one-on-one labor and delivery nurses, are dedicated to excellent, personalized service and education. Woman's helps women at every stage of life get well and stay healthy. Since 2007, U.S. News & World Report ranked Woman's in their top 50 hospitals nationwide for gynecologic care. The Woman's Hospital of Texas. Every Woman. Every Baby. www.womanshospital.com

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