Grays Harbor Community Hospital above the cut on Consumer Reports surgical ratings

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In the September issue of Consumer Reports Magazine, Grays Harbor Community Hospital received a top rating for surgery success and safety among regional hospitals. The report rated hospitals across the country using a five point scale ranging from better (5) to worse (1). Grays Harbor Community Hospital received a rating of 4, putting it in the top third of ranked hospitals in Washington State.Grays Harbor Community Hospital rated above other regional hospitals, including Capital Medical Center and Providence St. Peter Hospital, both located in Olympia as well as UW Medicine/Harborview Medical Center, and Swedish Medical Center-Cherry Hill, located in Seattle. “What this recognition from Consumer Reports means for communities like Grays Harbor is that you don’t have to go to Olympia or Seattle to receive the best quality care,” says Pete Scroggs Grays Harbor Community Hospital Board President.The report is based on a Ratings method that examined the results of 27 different kinds of scheduled surgeries, giving each hospital an overall surgery rating. The analysis looked heavily toward the correlation with complications and recovery of patients after surgery, using data collected through medical claims and clinical records.

“Our surgery ratings give patients more information so that they can make informed choices before surgery” says John Santa, M.D., M.P.H., medical director of Consumer Reports Health. The study found that rural hospitals often outperform other hospitals, on average. This Rating is a positive step toward transparency among health care services and shows the success rate of Grays Harbor Community Hospital Surgeries to be among the best.“It’s wonderful to be nationally recognized for the hard work and quality care that we consistently do at Grays Harbor Community Hospital” Dr. Nicholas Hallak, Chairman of the GHCH Surgical Department. “It’s good for people to know that community hospitals are achieving results that are comparable or even better than the larger hospitals.”“This recognition should also be shared with the entire staff of Grays Harbor Community Hospital; the surgeons, anesthesiologists, clinical and non-clinical staff. They all work together as a team to support and care for each patient.” said GHCH CEO Tom Jensen.**About Grays Harbor Community Hospital**: Grays Harbor Community Hospital (GHCH) Aberdeen, Washington, is a comprehensive regional medical center providing quality care to over 90,000 residents covering the 3,000 square miles of Grays Harbor and Pacific counties. Established in 1959 Grays Harbor Community Hospital is a 501c 3 nonprofit sole community hospital. Licensed for 140 beds; services including a level-three trauma designated emergency department, critical care unit, surgical services, and Family Birth Center. GHCH’s outpatient services include diagnostic imaging, rehabilitation therapies, wound healing center, surgical services, and physician clinics. Learn more at www.ghchwa.org or www.twitter.com/ghcares.