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Uniontown Hospital Media Release

Uniontown Hospital earns ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®’ Recognition from The Joint Commission

Uniontown Hospital announced today that it has been recognized as a 2014 *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

Uniontown Hospital was recognized as part of The Joint Commission’s 2015 annual report “*America’s Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety*,” for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance in six different categories.

“This recognition is one we take to heart as it illuminates the hard work and dedication of all those here to make a healthy difference in the lives of our patients,” CEO Steve Handy said. “We pledge to continue to be the standard of excellence in health care in Fayette County.”

Uniontown Hospital is one of only 1,043 hospitals of the more than 3,300 eligible hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2014 *Top Performer* distinction.

The *Top Performer* program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions.

Performance measures in which Uniontown Hospital earned the *Top Performer* distinction included heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, venous thromboembolism (VTE) and stroke.

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“We are always working to take the steps necessary to provide the specific care that is imperative to the health of our patients,” Executive Director of Medical Services Dr. Linda Burstynowicz said. “To be recognized as a Top Performer allows members of our community to gain confirmation that we are providing excellent care and our patients are the focus of all we do.”

To be a 2014 *Top Performer*, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2014 accountability measure data, including:

- Achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Have at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set, achieve a performance rate of 95 percent or above on all applicable individual accountability measures.

“Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of Uniontown Hospital for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions,” said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

“We are committed to providing high quality and safe care to our patients,” Handy said. “I am proud of the entire hospital staff whose knowledge, teamwork and dedication have paved the way for exceptional care becoming expected care in our community.”

For more information about the *Top Performer* program, visit www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx.