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**CVMC Earns ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures’
Recognition from The Joint Commission**

HICKORY, NC – November 18, 2015 – Catawba Valley Medical Center (CVMC) 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.

CVMC 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 for heart attack, pneumonia, surgical care, stroke and perinatal care. CVMC is one of only 1,043 hospitals out of 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. 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 CVMC’s efforts for excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions,” said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

“We understand what matters most to patients at CVMC is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes,” said J. Anthony Rose, CVMC President and CEO. “CVMC is proud to be named a *Top Performer* as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff.”

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

ABOUT CATAWBA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

Catawba Valley Medical Center (CVMC) in Hickory, NC, is the region’s largest not-for-profit, public healthcare system serving the community without direct funding from taxes. CVMC provides and promotes physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being in addition to serving as a center for health education, wellness, preventive medicine and acute care. CVMC received a fourth consecutive Magnet

designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2014 and has been recognized by WomenCertified® with Women's Choice Awards for America's Best 100 Hospitals for Patient Experience in 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015; America's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience in Obstetrics in 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016; America's Best Hospitals in Orthopedics in 2013 & 2014; America's Best Hospitals in Cancer Care in 2015; and America's Best Hospitals in Stroke, Bariatric Surgery and Stroke in 2016.

CVMC received the 2013 & 2014 Premier Inc. QUEST® Award for High-Value Healthcare recognizing its reduction in harm, mortality, readmissions and costs and improvements in metrics for patient experience and evidence-based care. For more information, please visit <http://www.catawbavalleymedical.org>.