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For Immediate Release to CRMC and CRH Department Directors, Staff and Physicians:

CRMC Named One of Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals in Nation

Cookeville Regional Medical Center has been named one of the 2017 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals award winners by Truven Health Analytics™, an IBM® Company – and ranks among the best in the country on several key measures of cardiovascular care. CRMC is the only community hospital in Tennessee to receive this award.

“To be recognized as a top 50 hospital for heart care is a great honor and testament to the wonderful physicians, providers and staff at our hospital,” said Paul Korth, CRMC CEO. “This award wouldn’t be possible without the team of hard working people not only in our heart program but throughout our medical center. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the CRMC Board of Trustees for their tremendous support and dedication to making our medical center the best it can be.”

Selection for the Truven Health 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals award reflects excellence in cardiovascular services that benefit patients, their families, employers and the entire community. CRMC outperformed peers on a balanced scorecard that takes into account inpatient and extended outcomes, clinical processes, efficiency, and cost for the two most common cardiovascular conditions (heart attack and heart failure) and interventions (PCI and CABG). The study, now in its 18th year, is widely regarded as the leading program for evaluating leadership impact in a hospital, as well as for evaluating quality indicators and efficiencies.

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In the study, CRMC is listed in the category of community hospitals. There are 477 community hospitals nationwide who qualified, meaning that they provide both intervention and heart surgery services. “With only 15 community hospitals being named in the top 50, that means that CRMC is in the top three percent of community hospitals in providing heart care,” added Korth. “Our heart program is among the highest performing cardiovascular service lines in the nation.”

The Truven Health 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study measures performance in key performance areas: risk-adjusted mortality, risk-adjusted complications, core measures (a group of measures that assess process of care), percentage of coronary bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, 30-day mortality rates, 30-day readmission rates, severity-adjusted average length of stay, and wage- and severity-adjusted average cost. The study has been conducted annually since 1999. This is the first time that CRMC has received the cardiovascular award; however, CRMC was recognized in 2006 and 2007 with the Performance Improvement Leader 100 Top Hospital award and in 2007 and 2008 with the 100 Top Hospital award.

To determine the 50 top U.S. hospitals for heart care, Truven Health researchers analyzed 2013 and 2015 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) data, 2015 Medicare cost reports and second-quarter 2016 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare data.

The 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals were announced in the Nov. 7, 2015, edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

The study, and subsequent analysis of the positive variances these leading cardiovascular service hospitals show, indicates an opportunity for a broader national impact for cardiovascular patients, should these results be replicated. In fact, if all cardiovascular providers in the U.S. performed at the level of this year's winners:

- Nearly 9,000 additional lives could be saved
- Nearly 6,000 more heart patients could be complication-free
- More than \$1.4 billion could be saved

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research is available at 100tophospitals.com.

The intent of the “Communique” is to keep you updated about the most recent events and decisions at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. All “Communique” bulletins are developed by the CRMC Marketing Department at Cookeville Regional in conjunction with CEO Paul Korth. For more information, please contact Melahn Finley, CRMC director of marketing, at 783-5654.