



Level 1 News

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Bronson in Nation's Top Five Percent for Emergency Medical Care

For a third year, HealthGrades®, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization, has rated Bronson Methodist Hospital in the nation's top five percent for emergency medicine. The 2012 Emergency Medicine in American Hospitals study shows that of nearly 5,000 hospitals reviewed, 263 are in the top five percent and Bronson is the only one in southwest Michigan.

Findings are based on an analysis of more than seven million Medicare records of patients admitted through the emergency rooms of nearly 5,000 hospitals from 2008 to 2010. The study illustrates that there are clear differences in

outcomes between the best performing hospitals and all other hospitals with regard to emergency admissions. These differences include:

- For the group of patients studied, Emergency Medicine Excellence Hospitals had, on average, 41.52% lower risk adjusted mortality than all other hospitals across the 12 diagnoses studied.
- If all hospitals performed at the level of the Emergency Medicine Excellence Hospitals from 2008 through 2010, 170,856 more people may have survived their emergency hospitalization.

Bronson president and CEO Frank Sardone says, "Receiving this honor is a credit not only to all of the emergency medicine physicians, nurses and staff, but also to all of our inpatient units, hospitalists and intensivists who continually have our patients' best interests at heart. I'm proud of all our staff for working together to provide exceptionally high quality care, while seeing patients efficiently and safely — especially during continued growth."

As an accredited chest pain emergency center, certified stroke center, Level I trauma center and southwest Michigan's only children's hospital, Bronson is a major destination for emergencies affecting patients of all ages. At present, its emergency department is the largest in the region providing care to more than 95,000 patients annually.

Top performing hospitals vary most dramatically from other hospitals in their mortality rates for five specific health emergencies: COPD, gastrointestinal bleed, heart failure, pneumonia, and pulmonary embolism.



BRONSON South Campus
→ TRAUMA & EMERGENCY
→ Chest Pain Center



Summer Educational Opportunities

PALS Provider Courses
(Two-Day) August 23-24

PALS Renewal Courses
(One Day) June 7 or June 8

PHTLS Provider Courses
(Two Day) August 17-18

PHTLS Renewal Course
(One Day) August 4

The deadline to register is two weeks before the start of the course. Classes fill quickly. Early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, contact Bronson Life Support at (269) 341-8934 or lifesupport@bronsonhg.org.

Celebrate National EMS Week

EMS MORE THAN A JOB.
A CALLING.

Tuesday, May 22, 2012
11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kalamazoo Public Safety Training Center (Station 45)
601 N. Park St., Kalamazoo

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