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## **Salina Regional Health Center Receives the 2017 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care**

### *Emergency Room waiting times one of key measurements for award*

**Salina, KS – April 24, 2017** – Salina Regional Health Center has been named one of America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care by the [Women's Choice Award®](#), America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare.

The methodology for America's Best Hospitals for Emergency Care award is unique in that it combines Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems ([HCAHPS](#)) [survey results](#) with primary research about women's healthcare preferences. The award recognizes excellence in emergency care based on several process of care measures focused on time patients spent in the emergency department, including:

- Time to admission
- Time from admission to room
- Door to diagnosis

Criteria for selecting Salina Regional Health Center as one of America's best also included the average time before outpatients with chest pain or a possible heart attack received an ECG, and the average time patients with broken bones had to wait before getting pain medication. Awarded hospitals represent those with emergency departments with average measure times in the highest 25<sup>th</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in the country.

The award is especially significant given that long waits and high crowding can negatively impact patient outcomes, including patients leaving without receiving medical treatment, longer overall length of hospital stay and an increase in mortality rates.

“Emergency departments can be very stressful environments, particularly for the elderly or a mother with a sick or injured child,” said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women’s Choice Award. “Women make over 80% of healthcare decisions and want to be confident that they know which emergency departments in their communities will take care of their loved ones quickly and with the best possible care.”

Salina Regional Health Center is one of 320 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for emergency care in the U.S. by the Women’s Choice Award.

Kathy Sturm, Director of the Emergency Department at Salina Regional is ecstatic about earning the America’s Best Hospital for Emergency Care designation. “The ER staff and physicians are so deserving of this award. They come to work every day and give it their all to take care of our patients and families.”

For more information about the 2017 America’s Best Hospitals for Emergency Care, please visit <https://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/healthcare/>

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The Women’s Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women’s Choice Award was recently honored by the INC 5000 List of America’s Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2016 for a second consecutive year. Visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/> to learn more.

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