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## **Saint Alphonsus, St. Luke's honored as distinguished hospitals**

BOISE — HealthGrades has named Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Health System's Boise Meridian Medical Centers as Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence. The distinction places the medical centers among the top five percent of hospitals nationwide for clinical performance.

This is the second consecutive year Saint Alphonsus has received the honor.

The HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study identifies hospitals with the best overall clinical performance across all 26 medical diagnoses and procedures that the organization rates.

"We are exceptionally pleased to have been singled out for recognition two years in a row," Sally Jeffcoat, president and CEO of Saint Alphonsus Health System, said in a press release. "We are so proud of the contributions of the physicians, nurses and staff throughout the Saint Alphonsus Health System. The HealthGrades information helps families in our communities make better choices when it comes to meeting their healthcare needs."

Dr. David C. Pate, St. Luke's Health System president and CEO, said: "This recognition is an opportunity to celebrate our success while recognizing that it takes all of us, in all of the areas we serve, to achieve excellence. These evidencebased awards attest to the fact that we are delivering on our intention to be a national leader by 2015, and while I'm extremely proud of each and every St. Luke's team member for helping us achieve this recognition, we can't forget that it is the people we serve and the patients we treat that benefit from our efforts."