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## **U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT NAMES PENINSULA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AMONG THE NATION'S BEST REGIONAL HOSPITALS**

Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) is among the nation's best hospitals for 2011-2012, and has been named a Best Regional Hospital on the Eastern Shore of Maryland according to U.S. News & World Report, the publisher of [Best Hospitals](#). U.S. News editors recognized 247 hospitals outside major metropolitan areas, including PRMC. The list of those hospitals is available online at [www.usnews.com/bestregionalhospitals](http://www.usnews.com/bestregionalhospitals).

Peninsula Regional was named a High Performer in Cardiology and Heart Surgery, Gastroenterology, Geriatrics, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics and Pulmonology.

U.S. News evaluates hospitals in 16 adult specialties. To be considered high-performing in at least one of those specialties, a hospital had to score among the top 25 percent of all hospitals evaluated for the Best Hospitals rankings. In the four specialties that base rank on reputation alone, a hospital had to be named by at least 3 percent of the surveyed physicians who responded.

Hospitals like Peninsula Regional offer a high level of medical care to communities, said Avery Comarow, U.S. News Health Rankings Editor. "All Best Regional Hospitals are 'high performers' in at least one medical specialty," said Comarow. "They provide first-rate care, even to most patients who have serious conditions or need demanding procedures."



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U.S. News and World Report also named PRMC a Most Connected Hospital in 2011 for its use of technology in support of patient care and patient safety. In its Best Nursing Home Study last year, it provided Peninsula Regional's Transitional Care Unit at a 5-Star Rating. Additionally, Dr. Daniel J. Kelley, a Salisbury Otolaryngologist on the medical staff at PRMC, was named a Best Doctor in 2011 by U.S. News.

"Organizationally, this is another wonderful national honor to receive from U.S. News," said Dr. Peggy Naleppa, MS, MBA, FACHE, Peninsula Regional Medical Center's President/CEO. "This recognition is an acknowledgement of how hard everyone at the Medical Center works, including our Board and volunteers, to maintain the best possible environment for the patients we serve, and it is humbling to know our efforts are paying off."

U.S. News annually evaluates nearly 5,000 hospitals in 16 different medical specialties. Hard numbers stand behind its analysis in most specialties—death rates, patient safety, procedure volume, and other objective data. Physicians' responses to a national survey, in which specialists are asked to name hospitals they consider best in their specialty for the toughest cases, also are factored in.

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