



U.S. News Ranks Moffitt Cancer Center #18 in Cancer

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TAMPA, Fla. (July 19, 2011) — Moffitt Cancer Center has been ranked 18 in Cancer in U.S. News Media & World Report's 2011-12 Best Hospitals rankings, available online at www.usnews.com/besthospitals. The rankings, annually published by U.S. News for the past 22 years, will also be featured in the U.S. News Best Hospitals guidebook, which will go on sale Aug. 30.

The latest rankings showcase 720 hospitals out of about 5,000 hospitals nationwide. Each is ranked among the country's top hospitals in at least one medical specialty and/or ranked among the best hospitals in its metro area.

"We are proud that at just 25 years young, Moffitt has been ranked in U.S. News' Best Hospitals for Cancer list for the 13th consecutive year," said William S. Dalton, Ph.D., M.D., CEO and center director of Moffitt. "Our commitment to personalizing cancer treatment, pursuing groundbreaking research, and contributing to the prevention and cure of cancer will continue to distinguish Moffitt."

U.S. News has also recognized Moffitt as high performing in gastroenterology, gynecology and nephrology. Moffitt, the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in Florida, has been distinguished as a top workplace by organizations such as Working Mother, Computerworld and the St. Petersburg Times.

The core mission of Best Hospitals is to help guide patients who need an especially high level of care because of a difficult surgery, a challenging condition, or added risk because of other health problems or age. "These are referral centers where other hospitals send their sickest patients," said Avery Comarow, U.S. News Health Rankings Editor. "Hospitals like these are ones you or those close to you should consider when the stakes are high."

Hard numbers stand behind the rankings in most specialties — death rates, patient safety, procedure volume, and other objective data. Responses to a national survey, in which physicians were asked to name hospitals they consider best in their specialty for the toughest cases, also were factored in.

The rankings cover 16 medical specialties and all 94 metro areas that have at least 500,000 residents and at least one hospital that performed well enough to be ranked.

About Moffitt Cancer Center

Located in Tampa, Florida, Moffitt Cancer Center is an NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center - a designation that recognizes Moffitt's excellence in research and contributions to clinical trials, prevention and cancer control. Moffitt currently has 14 affiliates in Florida, one in Georgia, one in Pennsylvania and two in Puerto Rico. Additionally, Moffitt is a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, a prestigious alliance of the country's leading cancer centers, and is listed in U.S. News & World Report as one of "America's Best Hospitals" for cancer. Moffitt marks a very important anniversary this year – 25 years committed to one mission: to contribute to the prevention and cure of cancer.

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