



POINTS OF DISTINCTION

August 2014

❖ U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals 2013-2014

- For the 17th consecutive year, MUSC has been recognized as a Best Hospital by *U.S. News & World Report* in their annual rankings.
- Ranked nationally in three adult subspecialties: Rheumatology (#17); Ear, Nose & Throat (#27); and Nephrology (#40).
- Ten other adult specialties at MUSC are designated as “high performing,” meaning that they rank in the top 25 percent nationally: cancer, cardiology & heart surgery; diabetes and endocrinology; gastroenterology & GI surgery; geriatrics; gynecology; neurology & neurosurgery; orthopedics; pulmonology; and urology.

❖ MUSC Children’s Hospital one of America’s Best Children’s Hospitals 2013-2014

The U.S. Media Group ranks MUSC Children’s Hospital among the top 50 programs for three specialties. For the fifth time, the heart and heart surgery programs attained this distinction. For the second time this year, the gastroenterology program was listed and for the first time this year, its nephrology program also ranked as one of the top 50 in the nation.

❖ Best Doctors are at MUSC

Close to 300 Charleston-area doctors either employed at or affiliated with the Medical University have been named to the 2014 “Best Doctors” list by Best Doctors, Inc.

- ❖ MUSC again received an “A” rating for patient safety from the Leapfrog Group in the Spring 2014 Hospital Safety Score. This is the third year in a row that MUSC has been given this distinction.
- ❖ In January of 2014, the **MUSC’s College of Nursing (CON)** online graduate program was ranked second in the country by U.S. News & World Report. The news magazine scored the CON among the top 50 online graduate nursing schools out of more than 450 schools surveyed for the last two years.

❖ **The Only National Cancer Institute- designated cancer center in South Carolina**

- MUSC's Hollings Cancer Center has been awarded a five-year renewal of its National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, a distinction held by only 68 cancer centers in the U.S. (2014)
- Hollings Cancer Center has also been awarded three year, full accreditation from the American College of Surgeons for the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers.

❖ **MUSC was voted Charleston's Hospital of Choice 14 years in a row**

- MUSC was voted Charleston's Hospital of Choice 14 years in a row for Best Overall Quality, Best Doctors, Best Nurses by the National Research Corporation 2013-2014.

❖ **Becker's Hospital Review** named MUSC as one of the 100 Hospitals in America for 2014, citing that "MUSC Medical Center is an anchor for healthcare in South Carolina."

❖ **MUSC awarded among Most Wired 2013**

- Most Wired awards acknowledge hospitals nationwide for leveraging health information technology in new and envelope-pushing ways.

❖ **Centers of Excellence**

- Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence
- Gamma Knife Center of Excellence
- Breast Imaging Center of Excellence

❖ **Research Highlights**

- \$232 million in total external funding (SC FY '13)
- \$92 million in NIH funding (US FY '13):
#48 in the U.S., out of 130 schools ranked
- Top 10% in US in number of NIH grants for research training and education
- 20 SmartState Centers
- 40 Endowed Chairs and Named Professorships

ACCREDITATION & RECOGNITION

- ❖ The **National Association of Epilepsy Centers** has again recognized the Medical University of South Carolina Comprehensive Epilepsy Center as a Level 4 Center for 2014.
- ❖ MUSC trauma program has been verified as a **Level 1 Trauma Center** by the American College of Surgeons. This verification is the highest level any trauma program in the country can achieve and MUSC is the first hospital in South Carolina to achieve this rating. *(January 2012)*
- ❖ MUSC was awarded **Joint Commission Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Certification** for Main Hospital, Ashley River Tower, Institute of Psychiatry, and Children's Hospital. MUSC is approximately the 40th hospital in the U.S. to gain this distinction *(June 2011)*.
- ❖ The MUSC Depression Research and Treatment Center has been awarded membership into the **National Network of Depression Centers (NNDC)**. The NNDC constitutes the premier academic centers in the United States, which study and treat depression and related co-morbid neuropsychiatric disorders. MUSC is one of 22 such designated centers.
- ❖ MUSC received recognition as a **Quality Respiratory Care Provider**. Approximately 15 percent of hospitals in the U.S. have applied for and received this award.
- ❖ **MUSC Arboretum received its Tree Campus USA certification** on National Arbor Day on Friday, April 26, 2013. The Tree Campus USA designation honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.