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TEN-sational!

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Children's Mercy lands top ranking in all 10 specialties from U.S. News and World Report

Take a bow, Children's Mercy employees. In fact, take 10 of them.

U.S. News & World Report today announced that Children's Mercy is ranked in all 10 pediatric specialties, the third time in the last five years that CM has achieved all 10. Last year, the organization ranked in nine of the 10 specialties.



They're pumped! [Click here](#) to see an awesome video of our employees and patients (shot last week before we knew that we actually had won!) sharing their enthusiasm at the possibility of being ranked in all 10 specialties.

This year's rankings:

Specialty	2015	2014	Change
Cardiology and Heart Surgery	36	n/a	+14-plus
Diabetes and Endocrinology	22	30	+8
Gastroenterology/Digestive Disorders	23	32	+9
Neonatology/Neonatal Care	15	23	+8
Nephrology/Kidney	5	6	+1
Neurology and Neurosurgery	43	38	-5

Oncology	31	17	-14
Orthopaedics	15	14	-1
Pulmonology/Respiratory Disorders	41	38	-3
Urology	29	40	+11

To celebrate the lofty achievement, the hospital is planning a slew of fun giveaways. Every day this week, 10 winners will be selected randomly from a list of all 7,200 employees and announced via *Daily E-News*. Check out what you could win:

- Gift cards to Big Splash Car Wash
- Sets of 10 Powerball tickets
- \$25 vouchers to the Employee Gift Shop
- \$25 gift cards to Jack Stack Barbecue



How the annual survey works

U.S. News surveyed 184 pediatric centers to obtain clinical and operational data related to survival rates, staffing, special services, availability of key resources, ability to prevent complications and infections and more. The hospital survey made up 83.3 percent of the rankings. A separate reputation survey, in which 8,000 pediatric specialists representing the 10 specialties were asked where they would send the sickest children in their specialty, made up the remaining 16.7 percent.

For a list of all rankings, check out the entire 2015-16 *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Children's Hospitals" list.

Hospital leaders are quick to point out that the organization's success isn't measured just by surveys. It's also determined by our many contributions to pediatric medicine and the lives that we touch. Great work (clinical, education and research) brings recognition. In turn, recognition brings more opportunities to do more great work through additional referrals and increased funding.

"All of us at Children's Mercy should be proud today of this remarkable achievement," President and Chief Executive Officer Randall L. O'Donnell, PhD, said today in an email to all employees. "Being listed among the nation's best in all 10 specialties is no small feat and clearly demonstrates that we're among the finest children's hospitals in the nation. We also know that much more can and will be done

as we continue to practice, teach and research the best ways to deliver quality pediatric care and provide the best outcomes possible for our patients and families.

"Congratulations and my deepest thanks to each of you. I am proud to be your colleague!"