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***U.S. News & World Report* Names St. Joseph's in the Top Ten of the Nation's Best Hospitals**

***U.S. News & World Report* today named St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center one of the 10 best hospitals in the United States for neurology and neurosurgery.**

U.S. News & World Report's annual listing of top hospitals is the most respected of all national rankings. St. Joseph's is routinely ranked in the top 10 for neurology and neurosurgery and has the highest ranking of any hospital in the state. St. Joseph's ranked #8 in this year's neurology and neurosurgery category.

Barrow Neurological Institute, the neurological division at St. Joseph's, is known throughout the world for providing cutting-edge treatment for people with brain and spine diseases, disorders and injuries; medical education and innovative research.

"St. Joseph's has evolved to become a sought-after destination hospital for the most complex medical cases from throughout the world," says Linda Hunt, St. Joseph's President. "Every day, approximately 20 percent of the hospital's patients have traveled from outside of Arizona and the United States to seek treatment at St. Joseph's. Arizonans with complex medical conditions no longer have to travel to the East Coast or California for amazing medical care."

Barrow performs more neurosurgeries than any other hospital in the world and is the one of the busiest brain tumor treatment centers in the nation. It has the largest neurosurgery residency program in the U.S., training more neurosurgeons than anywhere in the world. Barrow is also home to the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center.

To continue to expand on its long-standing reputation, Barrow is creating:

- The Brain Tumor Research Center, which will bring together basic and clinical brain tumor research with the world's top brain surgeons, and will also conduct "awake" brain surgery, allowing for patient response to be evaluated during surgery.
- The Center for Adaptive Brain Function, which will use deep brain stimulation as cutting edge treatment for Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, and other conditions.
- A Second Opinion Brain Tumor Consultation Service to allow physicians from throughout the world to consult virtually with Barrow's top medical experts.

U.S. News & World Report ranks hospitals in 16 specialties and only 152 U.S. hospitals scored high enough to make this year's list. The magazine selects hospitals based on a variety of criteria including reputation, mortality rates, patient volumes, and key technologies.

U.S. News & World Report's 21st annual edition of America's Best Hospitals will be available on newsstands Tuesday, July 27.

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