



## **Salem Regional Medical Center Receives National Patient Safety Excellence Award**

Salem, Ohio--- (March 16, 2022) – Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) has earned Healthgrades' 2022 Patient Safety Excellence Award as one of the top 10% of hospitals across the nation. The 2022 Patient Safety Excellence Award recognizes SRMC's dedication to providing exceptional patient care and treatment, while achieving the highest standards for patient safety.

"This tremendous accomplishment reflects the clinical expertise and commitment of our physicians and staff to offer the highest level of care to the people of our region," said Anita Hackstedde, M.D., SRMC's President/CEO. "We are proud to be rated as one of America's best hospitals for patient safety, and it is an honor to receive this recognition for the quality of care that we provide to our patients."

### **National Award Criteria**

Healthgrades is the top website that Americans use to find health care and it annually presents the patient safety awards to recognize hospitals that have the lowest occurrences of 14 preventable patient safety events, including injuries, infections, and other serious conditions. The results are determined after a review of preventable patient safety events among Medicare patients in U.S. hospitals. A total of 448 hospitals across the nation earned the award, with only 26 coming from Ohio.

During the study period (2018 through 2020), Healthgrades found that patients treated in hospitals receiving the 2022 Patient Safety Excellence Award were, on average:

- 55.8% less likely to experience an in-hospital fall resulting in hip fracture, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals
- 52.6% less likely to experience a collapsed lung resulting from a procedure or surgery in or around the chest, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals
- 66.2% less likely to experience pressure sores or bed sores acquired in the hospital, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals
- 65.8% less likely to experience catheter-related bloodstream infections acquired in the hospital, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals

"Providing high quality care for our patients is at the forefront of everything we do," said Dr. Hackstedde. "Our health care team members commit themselves to the highest standards in medicine across all the services we provide. These efforts are what made this prestigious recognition possible, and have helped to distinguish SRMC as an ongoing leader in patient safety and quality."