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## Asante earns 15 Top Health Systems honor for fifth year in a row!

Once is great, three times is a pattern, five times is evidence that Asante is cementing its position as one of the nation's highest-performing health care systems. Truven Health Analytics announced this week that for the fifth consecutive year Asante is among the [15 Top Health Care Systems](#) in the United States.

Truven, an independent research firm specializing in health care performance, evaluated 337 health systems and 2,924 member hospitals to identify the country's 15 Top Health Systems for 2017. Asante is the only health system in Oregon and Washington to earn the Truven recognition.

"This year's recognition is especially meaningful," said Roy Vinyard, president and CEO of Asante. "To earn the honor for five straight years shows a sustained dedication to high-quality care by our employees, medical staff and volunteers. It is gratifying to see their hard work validated."

Asante will hold recognition events for employees June. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

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To compile its annual list of 15 Top winners, Truven examines health systems' administrative and clinical performance, including inpatient outcomes, process of care, extended outcomes, efficiency and patient experience.

There are five system winners in three categories — small, medium and large, based on annual operating expenses. Asante is ranked in the top five of the small health systems category.

A few metrics in which 15 Top Health System winners outperformed their peers include:

- Shorter wait times in emergency departments — an average 17.5 percent
- Higher survival rates — 13.4 percent fewer in-hospital deaths
- Fewer complications — 8.5 percent
- Shorter lengths of stay — 10.2 percent shorter

Other small systems that earned the 15 Top Health Systems designation are Lakeland Health in Missouri, Maury Regional Healthcare in Tennessee, Roper St. Francis Healthcare in South Carolina and Lovelace Health System in New Mexico.

To maintain the study's high level of integrity, Truven uses only impartial, public data sources to calculate its findings.

"It's significant that this is not an award Asante applies for," Scott Kelly, Asante's executive vice president and CEO of Asante Rogue Regional. "Truven's 15 Top hospitals are chosen from a data-driven analysis of performance by hundreds of health care systems across the country."

According to Truven, the top health systems saved 66,000 more lives and caused 43,000 fewer patient complications. They also readmitted patients less frequently and reported fewer deaths within 30 days of admission.

This is the latest in a string of recognitions Asante has earned over the past few weeks. In March, Truven named Asante Rogue Regional a [Top 100 hospital](#) for the fifth time. Earlier this month, Leapfrog Group awarded all three Asante hospitals with "[A](#)" grades for safety. In addition, Becker's Infection Control & Clinical Quality, a national health care publication, named ARRCM best in the nation for lowest heart attack readmission rates and Asante Three Rivers among the top 13 U.S. hospitals with the fewest serious complications.

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