

VASCULAR SERVICES RANKED #1 IN WASHINGTON

Everett , Wash. -- (November 2004) -- Providence Everett Medical Center has received high marks for clinical quality and performance excellence in vascular and cardiac services, according to a recent study by HealthGrades, the nation's leading healthcare quality company.

The report ranks Providence Everett Medical Center as the number one provider of vascular services in Washington. In addition, Providence Everett received 5-Star ratings for peripheral vascular bypass surgery and coronary artery bypass surgery, and is ranked among the top three hospitals in the state for cardiac surgery.

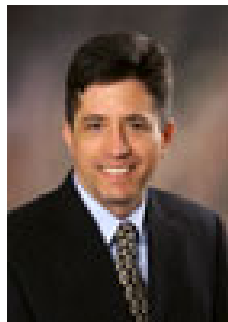
As part of its seventh annual Hospital Quality in America Study, HealthGrades independently analyzed nearly 5,000 hospitals in all 50 states for its 2005 ratings, objectively assessing their clinical outcomes, performance and quality. The HealthGrades ratings measure whether patient outcomes for each of more than two dozen procedures and diagnoses are better than expected (5-Star), as expected (3-Star) or worse than expected (1-Star) A 5-Star designation indicates that a hospital has scored in the top 15 percent or better in the nation for clinical quality.

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