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The Medical Center, Navicent Health Recognized as Top Hospital by *Newsweek* *Macon Hospital Earns Top Billing in “World’s Best Hospitals 2019”*

Macon, Ga. (Monday, April 29, 2019) – The Medical Center, Navicent Health (MCNH) has been recognized as a top Georgia hospital and as one of the best hospitals in the nation by *Newsweek*.

MCNH ranked second in the state in this year’s ranking and is the only top performer in central Georgia. Nationally, the Macon hospital ranked 110 in the entire U.S. Ten of The Medical Center’s treatments for adult conditions were recognized, including:

- Cardiology
- Diabetes & Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Gynecology & Obstetrics
- Memory Care & Geriatrics
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Pulmonology
- Radiation Oncology
- Traumatology, Orthopedics & Spine Surgery
- Urology

“Being recognized on *Newsweek*’s ‘World’s Best Hospitals’ ranking and as one of Georgia’s top two providers in care is an incredible testimony to the extraordinary dedication of our staff to providing high quality, personalized care to our patients. We also congratulate Carolinas Medical Center for their outstanding recognition. Our commitment to delivering the best care to those who depend on us and trust us is reaffirmed by *Newsweek*’s recognition,” said Dr. Ninfa M. Saunders, president and CEO of Navicent Health.

Newsweek’s “World’s Best Hospitals 2019” ranking lists the best hospitals in 11 countries, including the U.S., Canada, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Australia and Israel. Rankings are based on three data sources, including recommendations from medical experts, results from patient surveys and medical key performance indicators from hospitals.

Emory University Hospital (Atlanta) was the top-ranked Georgia hospital in *Newsweek*’s 2019 listing, followed by The Medical Center, Navicent Health (Macon, Ga.) and then Emory St. Joseph’s Hospital (Atlanta), Emory Johns Creek (Johns Creek, Ga.), Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center (Athens, Ga.), Northeast Georgia Medical Center (Gainesville, Ga.), and Gwinnett Medical Center (Lawrenceville, Ga.).

This is the latest national recognition for The Medical Center, Navicent Health, which has also been recognized nationally for world-class cardiac, stroke and trauma care, and is also internationally recognized as a Magnet hospital for nursing excellence. Navicent Health recently brought national attention to central Georgia with the opening of Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital, Navicent Health in February.

Carolinas Medical Center, the flagship of Atrium Health, was ranked 103 in the U.S. This is the latest recognition for Carolinas Medical Center, which has been ranked in the top 50 nationally for its orthopedics and cardiology programs, as well as Levine Children's Hospital receiving numerous Top 50 rankings for its pediatrics programs. In December 2018, Atrium Health and Navicent Health signed a definitive agreement to finalize their strategic combination, which became effective January 1, 2019. As a result of this strategic combination, Navicent Health and Atrium Health will enhance Macon-Bibb County's position as one of Georgia's leading centers for healthcare. This combination will keep the physician community strong and enable patients to access advanced medical services locally. It will also allow Atrium Health to expand its world-class services and economic benefit to central and south Georgia and beyond.

About Navicent Health

Navicent Health, the leading provider of healthcare in central and south Georgia, is committed to its mission of elevating health and wellbeing through compassionate care. Providing more than 1,000 beds and offering care in 53 specialties at more than 50 facilities throughout the region, Navicent Health provides care for healthcare consumers' through an academic medical center; community, pediatric and rehabilitation hospitals; urgent care centers; physician practices; diagnostic centers; home health; hospice and palliative care; and a life plan community. Navicent Health is dedicated enhancing health and wellness for individuals throughout the region through nationally-recognized quality care, community health initiatives and collaborative partnerships. For more information, please visit www.navicenthealth.org.

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