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**OCONEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER NAMED ONE OF TOP GEORGIA
HOSPITALS FOR 2015**

Oconee Ranks 12th for Mid-Sized Hospitals

Milledgeville, GA – Oconee Regional Medical Center (ORMC) was listed among the top hospitals in Georgia for the year 2015. Oconee placed 12th in the mid-sized hospital category according an article in *Georgia Trend* in their December, 2015 issue. (Link: <http://www.georgiatrend.com/December-2015/Georgias-Hidden-Gems/>).

Data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was used to create the ranking. CMS offers information to the public on over 40 quality-related indicators. These include outcomes of the care, the patient's experience at the hospital, the process of care and the value/efficiency of the services provided. Every acute care hospital with Medicare patients must report this data to CMS.

“We are very pleased with this ranking which is based on factual data as well as patient experiences,” said Steven M. Johnson, interim CEO of ORMC. “This rating, coupled with our recent very successful Joint Commission on Healthcare Accreditation review, indicates that our hospital is well positioned to serve as a medical care provider for our community.”

The Joint Commission is a nonprofit organization that accredits almost 21,000 health care programs in the United States by reviewing and observing in on-site surveys, as well as conducting interviews. It evaluates health care organizations and motivates them to provide safe, effective and the highest quality of care to patients. ORMC was ranked as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures. It was one of only 25 hospitals in Georgia to receive this honor.

Referring to the top hospital survey in an article entitled “Georgia’s Hidden Gems,” Georgia Hospital Association executive vice president Chuck Adams said, “Patients feel like when they go to these smaller hospitals, it’s like going to the local hardware store, instead of the big-box store.”

About Oconee Medical Center

Oconee Regional Medical Center is located in Milledgeville, Georgia, and provides advanced healthcare technologies to residents in surrounding counties. The hospital offers a wide range of medical services, including specialized treatment centers, a 24/7 emergency department, outpatient treatment programs and health education programs.

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