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VHI Cardiac Care Report Shows Decrease in
Open Heart Surgeries, Increase in Medical and Invasive Cardiology Care

Richmond, VA – Virginia Health Information (VHI) publishes its Cardiac Care Report, including data on mortality and readmission rates from Virginia's acute hospitals. Offered as a free, online, searchable tool, the Cardiac Care Report can be valuable for patients and caregivers seeking information about their heart care options prior to an emergency or planned medical procedure. The report shows a decrease in open heart surgeries, but an increase in medical and invasive cardiology care. Data also shows that 71% of open heart surgery patients were males and roughly 64% of patients were between the ages of 60-79. The report, published annually during American Heart Month, is now available at www.vhi.org/cardiac.

Congratulations to this year's hospitals that performed above average based on overall mortality rates:

- ♥ Carilion Medical Center
- ♥ Norton Community Hospital
- ♥ Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
- ♥ University of Virginia Medical Center

Visitors can use the report to compare five years of most recent mortality and readmission rates for over 70 Virginia hospitals. VHI also provides the following resources to help fight against and care for heart disease:

- ♥ Statewide summaries from acute and non-acute hospitals
- ♥ Details on heart care by age, race and gender
- ♥ Patient satisfaction ratings
- ♥ Profiles of active board certified cardiologists and Virginia physicians who specialize in its treatment
- ♥ Info on how to help prevent heart disease, avoid hospital readmission and know heart attack warning signs

View Cardiac Care Report

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