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## **GMCF honors four Georgia hospitals as ‘top performers’**

(ATLANTA, Ga.) – Georgia Medical Care Foundation today honored four Georgia hospitals for improving their quality of care. GMCF congratulated WellStar Cobb Hospital, in Austell; Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Gainesville; John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Thomasville; and Rockdale Medical Center, Conyers.

“These hospitals in Georgia have done an excellent job of improving their quality of care. We at GMCF have been privileged to work with such a dedicated group,” said Susan Robbins, GMCF Hospital Project Manager.

WellStar Cobb Hospital excelled in the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP), a quality partnership that is focused on reducing surgical complications nationally by 25 percent by the year 2010.

GMCF also congratulated Northeast Georgia Medical Center, John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, and Rockdale Medical Center for quality improvement in the treatment of heart attacks, heart failure and pneumonia. Treatment for these conditions is measured in a composite score called the Appropriate Care Measure (ACM).

“The ACM, which is composed of 10 publicly reported measures, is therefore an indication of how often the hospital ‘gets it right’ for these conditions,” explained Robbins.

GMCF, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Georgia, works with health care providers to promote the adoption and use of health information technology, to help redesign care processes to be more effective and efficient, and to share best practices. GMCF strives to see that every person receives "the right care every time."