

Providence St. Vincent makes list of 100 top orthopedic hospitals

Providence St. Vincent medical Center has been named one of the nation's top 100 hospitals for orthopedic services by the HCIA-Sachs Institute and the Human Motion Institute. Providence St. Vincent is the only hospital in Portland and one of a handful in the state to rank as a national benchmark in 2000.

The study, "100 Top Hospitals: Orthopedic Benchmarks for Success," identifies top

OSP will enforce sanctions against drunk driving

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larly deadly as seven of the 21 fatalities occurred during that time.

Enforcement efforts and awareness campaigns are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.* campaign, created to help reach the national goal of reducing alcohol-related traffic fatalities to no more than 11,000 a year by 2005. The campaign targets high-risk populations such as 21- to 34-year-olds, those with a high blood alcohol content, repeat offenders, and underage, 15- to 20-year-old drinkers.

"The greatest tragedy of impaired driving is that it is entire-

ly preventable," said Captain Spirup. "There are several options available that we encourage the public to consider instead of putting themselves in a position of being involved in a traffic crash, being arrested, and facing sanctions such as fines, license suspension, jail or community service as prescribed by local courts."

The Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Transportation suggest the following:

- Designate a sober driver before you go out.
- Call a taxicab or Safe Ride program.
- Consider non-alcoholic alternatives as part of your holiday celebrations.

United States hospitals that have established benchmark performance in clinical services and procedures that represent high risk to patients, high cost to payers and high volume in hospitals. The list of top orthopedic hospitals was published in the Nov. 27, 2000 issue of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

Patients who came from and were discharged to home. According to the HCIA-Sachs Institute, the nation's top 100 orthopedic hospitals not only produce better patient outcomes than their peers, but are approximately 20 percent more likely to discharge elderly patients home after hospital stays rather than institutionalize them--an important goal of high-quality treatment.

The HCIA-Sachs Institute is the research and education division of HCIA-Sachs, a leading health care information content company. The Human Motion Institute is an international orthopedic product line development company.

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