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Portneuf Medical Center Press Release

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Portneuf Medical Center Proud to Announce it Received Multiple HealthGrades® Awards for 2009.

Portneuf Medical Center Receives Award for Third Year in a Row

Pocatello - Portneuf Medical Center is proud to announce it received multiple HealthGrades awards for 2009. HealthGrades is a leading healthcare ratings organization. Millions of consumers, hundreds of hospitals, and large employers and health plans rely on HealthGrades' independent ratings to make healthcare decisions. Portneuf has been ranked #1 in Idaho for Coronary Interventions and is the only hospital to have achieved a five star rating for three years in a row. HealthGrades also recognized Portneuf for its five star rating in Cardiac Bypass Surgery for the past two years.

“Being recognized as having the best cardiac surgery program in the state speaks volumes about the dedication of our staff and physicians to provide the very best care to the people we serve,” said Pat Hermanson, CEO/Administrator of Portneuf Medical Center. “We have made tremendous strides in our healthcare service areas and we will build on this success in the years to come.”

The 2009 HealthGrades ratings for all hospitals nationwide are available, free of charge, on the organization's award-winning consumer web site, located at www.healthgrades.com. More than three million individuals and employees of some of the nation's largest employers and health plans visit HealthGrades each month to access quality information about hospitals, nursing homes and physicians. HealthGrades also provides consumers and payers with detailed assessments of hospitals' patient-safety outcomes, based on indicators developed by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

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