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### St. Elizabeth Community Hospital Named One of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters

**Red Bluff, California; March 30, 2009:** St. Elizabeth Community Hospital was **today** named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare.

The award recognizes hospitals that have achieved excellence in 2008 clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance, and operational efficiency. This is the **third year in a row that St. Elizabeth Community Hospital** has been recognized with this honor.

**“The St. Elizabeth Team works diligently to provide the best possible care and compassion to our patients and their families. I am proud to work among one of the premier teams in healthcare. Our employees, medical staff and volunteers understand what it takes to be an award winning team, and they dedicate themselves to this work ethic every day,”** explains Jon Halfhide, hospital president and CEO of the north state service area.

St. Elizabeth Community Hospital, has been a recipient of the Thomson 100 Top Hospitals: Benchmarks for Success award in 2006 and 2007, and most recently was awarded the Thomson Reuters Performance Improvement Leaders award. The

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hospital, with 76 licensed beds and trauma level 3 emergency services, offers advanced services including endoscopic and laser surgery. St. Elizabeth Community Hospital provides critical, adult, pediatric and maternity care, as well as Home Health and Hospice programs and includes a state-of-the-art Imaging Center and Outpatient Surgery Center. St. Elizabeth has an award winning orthopedics and gastro-intestinal surgery program. In 2007 celebrating its one-hundredth year of service, St. Elizabeth Community Hospital is a member of Catholic Healthcare West, the largest not-for-profit health care system in California. In the California, north state, our CHW partners in Redding and Mt. Shasta provide an extensive network of care, including award winning cardiac and oncology programs as well as specialized services for troubled teens, low income mothers, seniors and the disabled, as well as inpatient and outpatient care.

The winners were identified through an in-depth analysis, the *Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals®: National Benchmarks* study. The study evaluated 3,000 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals in nine areas: mortality, medical complications, patient safety, average length of stay, expenses, profitability, cash-to-debt ratio, patient satisfaction, and adherence to clinical standards of care.

The winning hospitals were announced in the March 30 edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

“The 100 Top Hospitals winners raised the bar again this year, delivering a higher level of reliable care and greater value for their communities,” said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters.

If all Medicare inpatients received the same level of care as Medicare patients treated in the winning hospitals:

- More than 107,500 additional patients would survive each year.
- Nearly 132,000 patient complications would be avoided annually.
- Expenses would decline by \$5.9 billion a year.
- The average patient stay would decrease by nearly half a day.

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research is available at [www.100tophospitals.com](http://www.100tophospitals.com).

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