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Statement on Hospital Compare Web Site Launch

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Texas hospitals are proud to participate in the Hospital Compare project. This Web site has the potential to make a positive difference for patients everywhere.

In 2002, several national organizations – including the American Hospital Association – joined together to create the Hospital Quality Alliance. Their purpose was to create a single, credible source of quality information that would accurately reflect hospital performance and allow patients, families and the community to make apples-to-apples comparisons among hospitals. It took a lot of work, but a common set of measures was developed, and hospitals' performance on the first 17 of them is being released today.

I want to publicly commend the Texas Medical Foundation for its work in helping Texas hospitals implement this data reporting system, and prepare for this initial public release. Good job, guys!

For hospitals across our country, improving quality is a 24/7 job. More than 300 Texas hospitals have stepped up to the plate and voluntarily have made the investment of time and resources to submit the hospital quality data that will be displayed on Hospital Compare. In 2002, the Texas Hospital Association Board of Trustees adopted principles for public reporting of data on quality and patient safety. The Hospital Quality Initiative is the only public reporting system that meets the criteria developed by our board.

Texas hospitals look forward to working with our national partners to make Hospital Compare the most comprehensive and respected source of quality data for consumers.
