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**Grey House Publishing announces the Second Edition of
*The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals***

Praise for the first edition:

"Comparative Guide to American Hospitals is the first print tool of its kind to provide comparative data for...American hospitals related to the quality of care for treating heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia...*Comparative Guide to American Hospitals* is a useful addition to reference collections in large public and academic libraries..."

- *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*

Grey House Publishing announces the publication of the Second Edition of *The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals*. This useful directory allows the user to compare over 4,300 US hospitals on levels of care for the emergency treatment of Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Pneumonia, and **new to this edition** are ranking for Pregnancy Care and Surgical Infection. Also are two appendices: 30-Day Mortality Data and a Glossary of Terms.

The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals is comprised of data from *Hospital Compare* – a Medicare sponsored study – plus data from Grey House's *Directory of Hospital Personnel* and newly developed State Rankings and Statistical Summaries. Treatment profiles of over 4,300 hospitals are available which evaluate their performance in 24 important areas of treatment, 7 more than the first edition.

Due to the significant increase in data, *The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals* is now available in four regional volumes, with listings divided by region: **Eastern, Southern, Central, and Western**. In addition to comprehensive hospital profiles for all states in the region, each volume includes a **State-by-State Statistical Summary**. Regional volumes are available for purchase separately, or as a set.

The state sections in each volume of *The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals* are arranged alphabetically. Each state section starts with a series of rankings that rates hospitals in that state on how often they meet the accepted treatment protocols. Following the rankings, individual Hospital Profiles include name, address, phone, fax, web site and e-mail, along with an average of 10

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key contacts, **5 more than the first edition**. Contacts represent not only the facility’s top administration but also those individuals specifically responsible for the care of heart, pneumonia, and pregnant patients, as well as surgical infection prevention. Next, each hospital profile provides data on how the hospital’s performance rates against other hospitals in the state, against the national average and against the nation’s “best practices.” Hospital profiles are arranged by:

- ❑ **Heart Attack Care:** Percent who receive Aspirin at Arrival, Aspirin at Discharge, ACE Inhibitor for LVSD, Beta Blocker at Arrival, Beta Blocker at Discharge, Thrombolytic Agent Received, PTCA Received and Adult Smoking Cessation Advice.
- ❑ **Heart Failure Care:** Percent who receive LVF Assessment, Ace Inhibitor for LVSD, Discharge Instructions, Adult Smoking Cessation Advice.
- ❑ **Pneumonia Care:** Percent Who Receive Initial Antibiotic Timing, Pneumococcal Vaccination, Oxygenation Assessment, Blood Culture Performed and Adult Smoking Cessation Advice.
- ❑ **Surgical Infection Prevention (NEW):** Measures include use of preventative antibiotics, and selection of prophalactic antibiotics.
- ❑ **Pregnancy Care (NEW):** Measures include inpatient neonatal mortality, and degree of vaginal lacerations.

Each regional volume of *The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals* also includes:

- ❑ **Regional State-by-State Statistical Summary Tables (NEW):** Shows at a glance how hospitals in the same state score and compare with each other. They are arranged alphabetically by state in easy-to-read landscape format.
- ❑ **Appendix A: 30-Day Mortality Chart (NEW):** Lists hospitals nationwide that are “better” and “worse” than national averages, plus a State Summary of Hospital Mortality.
- ❑ **Appendix B: Glossary of Terms (NEW):** Lists 60 medical terms to make the best use possible of the data in this edition.
- ❑ **Regional Hospital Profile Index:** Lists hospitals alphabetically, including city and state.

This completely revised second edition of *The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals*, now in four regional volumes, is a valuable guide to the entire medical community. It is also a useful addition to collections in public, medical and academic libraries, as well as a valuable tool for companies with products and services addressing the hospital market.

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