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

Grey House Publishing announces the publication of the Third Edition of *The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals*. This useful directory is comprised of data from *Hospital Compare* – a Federal study – plus data from Grey House’s *Directory of Hospital Personnel* and newly developed State Rankings and Statistical Summaries.

This resource reports on over 4,693 hospitals, 310 more than last edition, and is based on 49 recognized quality measures, 25 more than the last edition.

This four-volume set is 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 key contacts. 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 these Critical Conditions; Heart Attack Care, Heart Failure Care, Pneumonia Care, Surgical Care, plus 4 new categories:

- ❑ **(NEW) Children’s Asthma Care**
- ❑ **(NEW) Chest Pain/ Possible Heart Attack Care**
- ❑ **(NEW) Examines the Use of Medical Imaging**
- ❑ **(NEW) Summaries of the Survey of Patients’ Hospital Experiences**
  - ◆ Summaries are based upon answers to questions like: overall rating of the hospital, communication between staff and patients, cleanliness, and any follow-up information or treatments given and explained.

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

- ❑ **Regional State-by-State Statistical Summary Tables:** 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:** Lists hospitals nationwide that are “better” and “worse” than national averages, plus a State Summary of Hospital Mortality.
- ❑ **Appendix B: 30-Day Readmission Charts (NEW):** lists hospitals nationwide that are “better” and “worse” than national averages, plus a State Summary of Hospital Readmission Rates.
- ❑ **Appendix C: Glossary of Terms:** Lists 50 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 expanded third edition of *The Comparative Guide to American Hospitals*, 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.

Praise for the previous editions:

“*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*

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