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ELLIOT HOSPITAL VOTED TOP HOSPITAL BY CONSUMERS A THIRD TIME

MANCHESTER, NH — Elliot Hospital has been named a 2009 *Consumer Choice Award* winner by National Research Corporation (NRC) for being the most preferred hospital for overall quality and image in the Manchester and Nashua service area. This marks the third year (previously awarded in 2005 and 2006) that consumers have chosen Elliot as their top hospital of choice. The Consumer Choice Awards are based on four Healthcare Market Guide Quality/Image indicators: Best Overall Quality, Best Doctors, Best Nurses, and Best Image/Reputation. Residents were asked to rate their local hospitals as part of a national survey conducted by NRC each year.

“We at Elliot are proud to have once again, been named a top hospital by the people we treat,” said Doug Dean, President and CEO. “Our mission is to provide quality healthcare to the community and we are honored that our patients have placed their trust in Elliot and value our services.”

NRC honored Elliot, along with other top hospitals in the nation, in the October 12th issue of *Modern Healthcare*.

“Healthcare has become an increasingly important issue across the country and empowered customers are making decisions for themselves and their families when selecting healthcare facilities and services,” said Ginny Martin, President of NRC’s Ticker Division. “As care options multiply and financial challenges remain strong, consumer perception of quality continues to grow in importance. Dedication to providing high quality healthcare has become essential for all hospitals. In the face of adversity, these Consumer Choice award winners exemplify the dedication it takes to provide quality healthcare to their communities, and we are pleased to honor them through the eyes of their patients.”

Elliot Health System is the largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, the cornerstone of which is Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state. Elliot is home to Manchester’s designated Regional Trauma Center, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire and Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center. For more information on any of Elliot’s services, call Elliot On-Call at 663-4567.

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