Virginia's aid to healthcare transparency;
VHI releases updates to MonAHRQ

Richmond, VA -- VHI, Virginia Health Information, has published updates to its MONAHRQ webpages with new features and 2014 hospital quality ratings. MONAHRQ is a healthcare performance and quality reporting tool VHI has added to its website for creating reports through its interactive, data-driven interface. These free public reports open a window of transparency with information on a wide range of care by Virginia hospitals.

What can you learn from MONAHRQ?

Quality: How hospitals compare on treatment of heart disease, pneumonia, stroke and patient safety.
Experience: How often hospitals treat common conditions like diabetes or not so common such as pancreatic cancer and heart transplants
Avoidable Admissions: How often Virginians are hospitalized for care that could be handled outside the hospital with good primary care and following doctors recommendations

Health care quality is often described as doing the right thing, at the right time and in the right way. VHI's information helps users identify top performing hospitals and helps them talk with their doctors or other health care providers about what is important to them.

Compare top-ranked hospitals using important quality measures

View ratings by choosing the condition/topic that relates to you or by the hospital/geographic region that interests you. Go further and display the results by comparing hospitals to national or statewide averages. Quality information can help you find a hospital that is especially good at treating conditions you face, or especially good at protecting patients from safety risks. VHI provides citizens of the Commonwealth with the power to make educated decisions about their healthcare through this quality information at www.vhi.org/MONAHRQ.

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