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**THREE MEDCATH HOSPITALS  
AMONG TOP-RANKED IN THE COUNTRY**

***Three MedCath Hospitals Recognized By Consumers' Checkbook Survey***

**CHARLOTTE, NC (March 25, 2009)** — ***AARP The Magazine*** has published an online interactive map listing the 125 top-ranked hospitals in the U.S. by geographic area. This list (available at [www.aarpmagazine.org/health](http://www.aarpmagazine.org/health)) was compiled by Consumers' Checkbook, a nonprofit organization, and coincides with the release of the May/June issue of *AARP The Magazine*, which features new information and advice for consumers deciding whether or not to travel away from home for medical care.

The following MedCath hospitals were cited among the top 125 in the nation by Consumer's Checkbook:

- **Arizona Heart Hospital**, Phoenix, AZ
- **Heart Hospital of Austin**, Austin, TX
- **Texsan Heart Hospital**, San Antonio, TX

Consumers' Checkbook surveyed doctors from across the country and collected 140,000 ratings of hospitals in their own communities and also asked the doctors whether, and where, they would recommend patients seek care in other communities for extremely difficult cases of heart conditions, cancer, and other ailments. This survey was part of the research for a new book from Consumers' Checkbook ([www.checkbook.org](http://www.checkbook.org)) called *Consumers' Guide to Hospitals*, which uses volumes of government safety statistics and data on death and complication rates, along with survey results, to compare and rank hospitals in the country's 53 largest metro areas.

To see the interactive map of Consumers' Checkbook's top 125 hospitals, visit [www.aarpmagazine.org/health](http://www.aarpmagazine.org/health).

**About MedCath**

MedCath Corporation, headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is a healthcare provider focused on high acuity services with the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease being a primary service offering. MedCath owns an interest in and operates nine hospitals with a total of 676 licensed beds, located in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Louisiana, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Texas. MedCath is in the process of developing its tenth hospital, which is anticipated to open in fall 2009, in Kingman, Ariz. In addition, MedCath and its subsidiary MedCath Partners provide services in diagnostic and therapeutic facilities in various states.

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