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Southeast Hospital has been named to Newsweek's 2022 list of Best Maternity Care Hospitals for the second consecutive year. This prestigious distinction recognizes facilities that have provided exceptional care to mothers, newborns and their families. Southeast earned five ribbons, the highest possible rating for its maternity service, joining the ranks of 350 hospitals across the nation and just 12 in Missouri. Southeast Hospital is the only hospital in southeast Missouri to earn this honor.

Newsweek's evaluation was based on three data sources: a nationwide online survey in which hospital managers and healthcare professionals (neonatal care providers and obstetricians/gynecologists) were asked to recommend leading maternity hospitals; medical key performance indicator data relevant to maternity care, including the rate of cesarean births; and patient satisfaction data, including how patients rated a hospital's medical staff for responsiveness and communication.

"I'm incredibly proud of the entire obstetrics team for their dedication and commitment to excellence," said SoutheastHEALTH President and CEO Ken Bateman. "To be the only one in southeast Missouri and one of only 12 in the state of Missouri, speaks to the exceptional care we deliver every day to the those we serve. This honor highlights our commitment to providing a safe, personalized birthing experience. Expectant mothers can be confident about the extraordinary care they receive from our experienced obstetrics staff. High quality maternity care from pregnancy through birth and postpartum is key to the long-term health of both newborns and new mothers."

Since its opening in 1928, Southeast Hospital has offered uninterrupted obstetrics services, welcoming tens of thousands of babies into the world.

Newsweek's full America's Best Maternity Hospital 2022 report is posted online, and hospitals are listed alphabetically. Overall, 161 hospitals earned five ribbons and 189 received four ribbons.

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