

## **POMERENE HOSPITAL HONORED AMONG NATION'S TOP HOSPITALS**

*Hospital Value Index™ Recognizes Pomerene Hospital with Best in Value™ Award*

Pomerene Hospital has been recognized with a 2009-2010 Hospital Value Index™: Best in Value™ Award, as a result of the study conducted by Data Advantage, LLC, the nation's leader in measuring healthcare value. Pomerene Hospital ranked among the top tier of all hospitals nationwide, achieving high marks in quality, affordability & efficiency, and patient satisfaction.

Specifically, the Hospital Value Index™ recognized Pomerene Hospital for the 2009-2010 Hospital Value Index™: Best in Value™ Award.

"We are proud of this honor at Pomerene Hospital as it reinforces our commitment to providing quality care affordably," said Tony Snyder, CEO of Pomerene Hospital. "Our physicians, nurses and staff strive each day to make our hospital the leader in quality care, and this award stands as a testament to their dedication and achievement of their goals."

The Hospital Value Index™ is the first and only performance indicator to focus on the value hospitals provide to their community and utilizes the latest publicly available data, including Hospital Compare from July 2009, to recognize these accomplishments.

"Value is increasingly important to patients and consumers who decide which hospital they will access for care," said Hal Andrews, CEO of Data Advantage. "The Hospital Value Index™ is the first award to recognize those hospitals providing exceptional value of care to their communities, and Pomerene Hospital has achieved great results."

The Hospital Value Index™ pulled data from approximately 4,500 general acute-care hospitals, serving approximately 30.1 million consumers. It defines a hospital's "value" by its success in four critical areas:

- Quality, including CMS's Core Measures, patient safety and readmission rates;
- Efficiency, including the relative measure of the cost to the hospital for providing services
- Affordability, a relative comparison of prices charged for inpatient and outpatient services; and
- Patient satisfaction as measured by HCAHPS.

The full Hospital Value Index™ study and list of findings can be found at [www.HospitalValueIndex.com](http://www.HospitalValueIndex.com).