The University of Kansas Hospital ranks third in the nation as a top performer in the 2012 University HealthSystem Consortium's Quality and Accountability Study. This achievement was announced at the Member Celebration at its national conference last night.

UHC is an alliance of 101 academic medical centers, representing approximately 90 percent of the nation's non-profit academic medical centers. It has conducted this study since 2005, ranking performance in mortality, effectiveness, safety, equity, patient centeredness and efficiency.

“Recognized as a top-five performer, we are among an elite group of healthcare providers,” said Tammy Peterman, RN, MS, executive vice president, chief operative officer and chief nursing officer. “It is a remarkable accomplishment, and we have achieved consistently high performance since 2006.” This is the fourth time the hospital has ranked as a top-five academic medical center in the past six years.

“Combining our rankings places us among the safest, most efficient, patient-centered academic medical centers in the country,” Peterman added.

The UHC quality ranking is the latest national recognition the hospital has received in recent months, all related to quality outcomes and excellent service.

Since the beginning of our fiscal year on July 1, 2012, we have been recognized with the following major achievements.

• Ten of our medical and surgical specialties ranked on U.S. News & World Report's 2012-2013 Best Hospitals lists, with two others named high performing. The magazine also named the hospital the best adult hospital in Kansas City and Kansas.

• The University of Kansas Cancer Center achieved National Cancer Institute designation, placing it among an elite group of just 67 cancer centers across the nation.

• The National League for Nursing selected the hospital as a Center of Excellence in Creating Workplace Environments that Promote Academic Progression of Nurses, making it one of only three in the nation.

• The American Alliance of Healthcare Providers presented the hospital with the Hospital of Choice Award, ranking it among America's Most Customer-Friendly Hospitals. The recognition is a reflection of outstanding service to patients, their families and the community.

“Such recognition is a testament to the dedication and skill of our entire staff,” said Bob Page, hospital president and CEO. “By remaining committed to our vision to lead the nation in caring, healing, teaching and learning, we continue to provide the best evidence-based, high-quality care possible for our patients.”