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**Consumer's Checkbook Says Texsan Heart Hospital Among Top Ranked
in New Interactive Listing As Featured in AARP The Magazine**

One of only 125 hospitals nationally with "top ranked" distinction

SAN ANTONIO (March 30, 2009) – A new on-line listing of the nation's top hospitals, as determined by more than 17,000 physician surveys and risk-adjusted clinical criteria and reported by AARP The Magazine, designated Texsan Heart Hospital as a top-ranked hospital in San Antonio, in Texas and across the country.

AARP The Magazine will publish the survey results in its May/June 2009 issue and in an online interactive map listing the 125 top-ranked hospitals in the U.S. by geographic area. This list (available now at www.aarpthemagazine.org/health) was compiled by Consumers' Checkbook, a nonprofit organization. The AARP article features new information and advice for consumers deciding whether or not to travel away from home for medical care.

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) 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.

"We are pleased to be recognized by Consumers' Checkbook as one of only ten top-ranked hospitals in Texas," said Craig Desmond, President and Chief Executive Officer of Texsan Heart Hospital. "It's a tribute to our physicians, nursing staff and our support team members to have earned this kind of recognition. It is further validation that our unique patient-focused care model is having a positive clinical impact," Desmond said.

Texsan Heart Hospital is one of only two hospitals in San Antonio, and just ten in Texas, recognized with the Consumers' Checkbook top-ranked distinction.

About Texsan Heart Hospital

Texsan Heart Hospital is located at 6700 IH 10 West and Crossroads Boulevard. It is part of a family of cardiac centers owned and managed by MedCath Corporation. Texsan Heart Hospital is an entire hospital dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of America's number one killer – heart disease. Texsan opened in January 2004 and features comprehensive inpatient and outpatient cardiac care, other acute care surgical services and a 24-hour full service Heart Emergency Center.

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