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Beaufort County Medical Center Ranked 10th in Prostatectomy's by *Business North Carolina Magazine*

(Washington, NC) - Beaufort County Medical Center (BCMC) was recently listed in *Business North Carolina* magazine's issue of North Carolina's Best Hospitals for outstanding results in prostatectomies. The hospital was ranked 10th in the March 2011 issue.

Health Grades Inc. compiled rankings for the magazine using Medicare data adjusted for hospitals that receive sicker patients. Health Grades reports on about 5,000 hospitals nationwide in 26 procedures and conditions

Urologists, Dr. Michael Crawford and Dr. Michael Lobos with Washington Urological Associates, perform all of the prostatectomies at BCMC. They are supported by their office staff and the surgical team at BCMC.

"Dr. Crawford and Dr. Lobos as well as the surgical staff at BCMC should be commended for their hard work and dedication. They deliver a high quality of care to the patients of our hospital. We are proud of their accomplishments and that they are being recognized," said Susan Gerard, Chief Executive Officer of Beaufort Regional Health System.

"We want to offer the highest quality of care, so we're always looking to improve outcomes for our patients," said Dr. Michael Crawford. "We're pleased to have the recognition because it reflects the hard work of so many people at Beaufort County Medical Center."

Washington Urological Associates provides diagnosis and treatment of a variety of urological conditions in males and females. Dr. Crawford along with Dr. Michael Lobos and Sherry Hill-Coidan, FNP see patients in the office located at 1202 Brown Street in Washington. Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Friday's from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Office hours are by appointment only. Self-referrals are accepted. The practice can be reached by calling 946-0136.

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