

U.S. News & World Report Ranks Union Memorial among the Nation's Best Hospitals and recognizes Dr. Neal Zimmerman of Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists

Union Memorial Hospital (UMH) was again ranked among America's Best Hospitals in multiple specialties by U.S. News & World Report for 2011-12. UMH made the list of the top 50 hospitals nationwide in cardiology and heart surgery (No. 33), orthopedics (No. 34) and diabetes and endocrinology (No. 50).

Eleven Union Memorial Hospital physicians were identified as among the top one per cent nationally in their specialty, including Dr. Neal Zimmerman, a hand surgeon with Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists.

Graduate of Abraham Lincoln College of Medicine, Dr. Zimmerman completed his residency in Orthopaedic surgery at the University of Chicago Medical Center. He performed his fellowship in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery at the Raymond M. Curtis National Hand Center.

The America's Best Hospitals, an annual ranking of the country's elite medical centers, looks at how well a hospital handles complex and demanding cases. In 12 of the 16 specialties, hospitals were ranked based on reputation, survival rate, patient safety and care-related factors such as nursing and patient services.

The latest rankings showcase 720 hospitals out of more than 4,800 hospitals nationwide. UMH was one of only 140 hospitals that performed well enough to rank in even one specialty.