



## **McLaren Flint Receives Additional Blue Distinction Center+ Designation for Quality and Efficiency**

*The Blue Distinction® Designation Aids Consumers and Employers in Choosing High-Performing Hospitals*

Flint, Michigan – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has named McLaren Flint as a Blue Distinction Center+ for Cardiac Care<sup>SM</sup>. The Blue Distinction Centers for Specialty Care® program is a national designation awarded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies to medical facilities that have demonstrated expertise in delivering quality specialty care – and has recently been expanded to include more robust quality measures focused on improved patient health and safety as well as new cost-efficiency measures.

Earlier this year McLaren Flint also received Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan designation as a Blue Distinction Center + for Knee and Hip Replacement and Spine Surgery. The selection criteria used to evaluate facilities were developed with input from the medical community and include general quality and safety metrics as well as program specific metrics.

“McLaren Flint is proud once again to have met the rigorous selection criteria that has been set by the Blue Distinction Centers for Specialty Care program,” states Donald Kooy, President and CEO of McLaren Flint. “Receiving the cardiac designation, which is now a third area of Blue Distinction Center+ recognition at our medical center, once again reinforces that we continue to stay on course in our commitment to provide high quality and cost effective care to our patients.”

“Congratulations to McLaren Flint on earning the Blue Distinction + designation for Cardiac Care. This designation, and the hospital’s participation in initiatives that improve quality and safety in this area, demonstrates a focus on continuous improvement yielding safer patient care,” says David Share, MD, senior vice president, Value Partnerships, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Research confirms that the newly designated Blue Distinction Centers+ demonstrate better quality and improved outcomes for patients, with lower rates of complications and readmissions than their peers. Blue Distinction Centers+ are also 20 percent more cost-efficient.

McLaren Flint has five cardiac catheterization labs that feature advanced technology. One lab is also specialized for electrophysiology studies. In the O.R. two rooms are dedicated to

cardiac surgical procedures. McLaren Flint is also the only area hospital to offer a Hybrid Operating Room. This specialized surgical suite offers clinical advantages for both surgeons and patients. The room is equipped to make it possible for surgeons to go from performing a minimally invasive procedure to an open procedure in minutes. It is equipped for use by vascular surgeons, cardiothoracic surgeons and interventional cardiologists.