

practices in the Kansas City metro area. Its Mid-America Heart Institute, Mid-America Brain & Stroke Institute, and Midwest Ear Institute are all renowned practices. **Shawnee Mission Medical Center** gets the **Silver**. Owned and operated by Adventist Health System, the hospital's emergency department is the busiest in Johnson County and is the first in the area to earn accreditation as a Chest Pain Center. The **University of Kansas Hospital** comes away with **Bronze**. Located at

KUMC, it has recently been designated a Primary Stroke Center and provides rare expertise in heart valve surgery.

BEST HOTEL

The **InterContinental Kansas City** books **Ingram's Gold**. Voted best hotel in the city, it is arguably in the best location, too. Across from the Country Club Plaza, guests step outside and are swept up in the finest shopping locale of the metro area. The amenities and services are spot

on, and the balcony views are fantastic. Historical **Hotel Phillips** in downtown Kansas City is, shall we say, quite... **Sterling**. Having undergone a \$20 million renovation but still retaining its 1930's Art Deco heritage, the hotel has been a favorite for some 70 years. The **Westin Crown Center** and **The Raphael** are each given the **Bronze**.

BEST LAW FIRM

Shook Hardy & Bacon wins the **Gold**, case closed. Established in Kansas City in 1889, the firm has grown to more than 1,507 employees across the U.S. and Europe, and specializes in 36 practice areas. *Ingram's* readers reached a **Silver** verdict for **Lathrop & Gage**, a smaller firm with just as big a name in KC. Founded in 1873, the firm still represents its very first client. It's a split decision for **Bronze** between **Stinson Morrison Hecker** and **Spencer Fane Britt & Browne**. The former has more than 335 attorneys in eight offices and five states. The latter has additional offices in St. Louis, Omaha and Overland Park.



WHAT THEY GAVE ME WAS MUCH MORE HIP THAN REPLACEMENT SURGERY.

Now there's a way to replace hip replacement surgery. It's called hip resurfacing. And for many patients under 60, it can help them return to a more active lifestyle. The name says it all: Instead of replacing the hip with traditional surgery, surgeons simply repair the surface of the bone. This procedure was performed for the first time in the Kansas City area, right here at our hospital.

Specializing in you. Hip resurfacing results in a smaller incision. Less scarring. And a better range of motion than patients might have with traditional hip replacement surgery. So patients can get back on their feet faster, with less downtime, than ever before. For many, hip resurfacing is the better choice in the long run. And it's just one more way minimally invasive surgery is helping our patients get better, faster.

To learn more, call the ASK-A-NURSE Resource Center.
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BEST LONG TERM CARE FACILITY

The active, suburban lifestyle combined with extensive medical services combine to push **John Knox Village** Care Center over the top with **Gold**. Opened in 1970, John Knox Village is the Midwest's largest retirement community and features plenty of outdoor activities such as golf, fishing and nature trails. Set on 400 acres in Lee's Summit, the Village has nearly 1,500 residences with as many as 70 different floor plans. For the more urban-minded, **Silver**-winning **Bishop Spencer Place** is located in the heart of the Plaza-Westport area, adjacent to many cultural activities. A nine-year-old apartment facility, Bishop Spencer Place is affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri and Saint Luke's. **Bronze** is reserved for **Villa St. Joseph**, co-funded by the Benedictine and Carondelet health systems and affiliated with St. Joseph Medical Center. It is located in Overland Park off Roe.