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# SEQUOIA HOSPITAL RANKS IN TOP 10% OF HOSPITALS FOR PULMONARY CARE

Outcomes consistently better than other hospitals in the nation

**REDWOOD CITY, CA. Oct. 22, 2013** – Sequoia Hospital is among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation for pulmonary care, according to a new report from Healthgrades, the leading online resource that helps consumers search, compare and connect with physicians and hospitals. The report, *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2014: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, evaluates hospital performance at over 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 31 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions from 2010 through 2012.

The new report highlights the disparity in hospital performance for specific conditions and procedures and the impact that this variation may have on health outcomes. A 5-star rating indicates that clinical outcomes are better than expected when treating the condition or conducting the procedure being evaluated.

Sequoia Hospital not only performs at a 5-star level – it outperforms other hospitals in the nation in this condition, and as a result has been recognized with the 2014 Healthgrades Pulmonary Care Excellence Award. Additionally, Sequoia Hospital received 5-star awards from Healthgrades for the treatment of heart failure, pneumonia, bowel obstruction, sepsis and respiratory failure.

"We have a terrific team of respiratory therapists and pulmonologists at Sequoia Hospital who thrive to provide outstanding care to our patients. This is an excellent recognition for all their diligent work," says Mojdeh Talebian, MD, FCCP, Medical Co-Director of the Pulmonary Center, Medical Director of the Intensive Care Unit.

"Sequoia Hospital provides excellent clinical care to our community and our Healthgrades achievements are just one measure of that," says Glenna Vaskelis, President Sequoia Hospital. "Our nurses, staff and physicians work as a multi-disciplinary team to provide the highest standards of care to generations of Peninsula families."

# **About the Report**

For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 40 million Medicare-patient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide, assessing hospital performance relative to each of 31 common conditions and procedures. Healthgrades awards hospitals quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5 star (statistically better than expected), 3 star (statistically as

expected) and 1 star (statistically worse than expected) categories. Detailed performance information, such as cohort-specific outcomes data and quality achievements for individual hospitals may be found at <a href="https://www.healthgrades.com/find-a-hospital">www.healthgrades.com/find-a-hospital</a>.

Sequoia, which has served the mid-Peninsula community for more than 60 years, has received several recognitions from Healthgrades, including:

# America's 50 Best Hospitals, 2013

# **Distinguished Hospital Award**

• Clinical Excellence for 8 Years in a Row 2006–2013

# America's 100 Best Hospitals

- Cardiac Care for 2 Years in a Row 2012–2013
- Cardiac Surgery for 2 Years in a Row 2012–2013
- General Surgery and Specialty Excellence Award for General Surgery for 3 Years in a Row 2010–2012

# **Top 5% in the Nation**

- Cardiac Surgery for 4 Years in a Row 2010–2013
- Women's Health in 2012
- Emergency Medicine 2012

# **Top 10% in the Nation**

- Overall Pulmonary Services, 4 years in a row, 2011-2014
- Women's Health, two years in a row, 2012-2013

## **Excellence Awards**

- Cardiac Care 9 Years in a Row 2005–2013
- Cardiac Surgery 4 Years in a Row 2010–2013
- Specialty Excellence for Stroke Care 2012
- Women's Health, 2 years in a row, 2012-2013
- Emergency Medicine 2012
- Pulmonary Care, 4 years in a row, 2011-2014

#### **Five-Star Awards**

- Emergency Medicine, 2012
- Women's Health, 2 years in a row, 2012-2013
- Heart Failure, 9 years in a row, 2006-2014
- Pneumonia, 10 years in a row, 2005-2014
- Bowel Obstruction, 5 years in a row, 2010-2014
- Sepsis, 8 years in a row, 2007-2014
- Respiratory Failure, 4 years in a row, 2011-2014

More information on the *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2014: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, including the complete methodology, can be found at <a href="https://www.healthgrades.com/quality">www.healthgrades.com/quality</a>.

# **About Sequoia Hospital**

Sequoia Hospital, a Dignity Health Member, is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital providing innovative and exceptional health care for generations of Bay Area residents. In 2014, the hospital will celebrate the opening of a rebuilt, state-of-the-art medical campus, including modernized emergency services and an all-new pavilion with three floors of larger, private patient rooms.

Recognized for superior and sustained clinical quality, the hospital received the 2013 America's 50 Best Hospitals Award<sup>TM</sup> and the 2013 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence<sup>TM</sup> from HealthGrades®, a leading provider of comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals. Sequoia's Heart and Vascular Institute is a nationally known pioneer in advanced cardiac care. The hospital was voted "A Family Favorite 2013 Best Birth Center and Best Hospital" by readers of *Bay Area Parent* magazine.

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