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## **SEQUOIA HOSPITAL NAMED TOP PERFORMER ON KEY QUALITY MEASURES FROM JOINT COMMISSION**

**National designation places Sequoia among highest performing hospitals in using evidence-based clinical processes for improving care**

**REDWOOD CITY, CA – November 7, 2013** – Sequoia Hospital, a Dignity Health Member, announced today that it has been named a *2012 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*<sup>®</sup> by The Joint Commission, the leading accrediting agency for health care organizations in the U.S. This distinction signifies excellent performance in using evidence-based clinical processes to improve care for heart attacks, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgery.

As a *Top Performer*, Sequoia Hospital is among 1,099 hospitals being recognized this year. This represents the top 33 percent of all Joint Commission-accredited hospitals reporting accountability measure performance data for 2012.

“We understand that what matters most to patients at Sequoia is safe, effective care. That’s why Sequoia has made a commitment to assuring that evidence-based interventions are delivered in the right way and at the right time for the best possible outcomes for our patients. Sequoia is proud to receive the distinction of being a Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures,” says Mary Christen, Director of Quality Services, Sequoia Hospital.

“The staff and physicians of Sequoia have been providing high quality clinical care to generations of Bay Area families,” says Glenna Vaskelis, President, Sequoia Hospital. We are proud to take care of our community and look forward to opening our new Pavilion in the new year.”

### **[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™ and the 2013 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ 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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