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Glendale Memorial Hospital Ranked Top Five Percent in Nation According to Quality Study

Glendale, CA (January 26, 2010) – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center announced today that a new study ranks its clinical quality among the top 5 percent in the nation. The study by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization, analyzed patient outcomes at each of the nation's 5,000 nonfederal hospitals over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 and named hospitals in the top five percent as HealthGrades Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence™.

“This is the eighth year in a row that Glendale Memorial has received this honor, and we are very proud to be consistently recognized for the high quality of our care,” said Mark Meyers, hospital president. “Our staff and physicians work hard to achieve this honor and to make sure our community has access to some of the best healthcare available in the country.”

According to the eighth annual *HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence* study, Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center and the other 268 hospitals in the top 5 percent demonstrated patient outcomes that far exceeded those of other hospitals. Patients admitted to these hospitals had risk-adjusted mortality rates that were, on average, 29 percent lower than all other hospitals. Risk-adjusted complication rates were, on average, 9 percent lower than all other hospitals.

“Our data show that only a select few hospitals achieve high-quality patient outcomes not just in a few categories of care, but across the board and over time,” said Rick May, MD, a vice president with HealthGrades and an author of the study. “Patients in communities with a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence should feel proud of the hospital's accomplishments, and confident that the level of care there is among the very best in the nation.”

“Patients who choose to receive their care at a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence certainly will have a lower risk for an adverse clinical outcome relative to all other hospitals,” according to the study.

Methodology

This is the eighth year that HealthGrades has independently analyzed the clinical quality performance of all non-federal hospitals across the country in 26 procedures and diagnoses. In the study, the company reviewed approximately 40 million hospitalization records from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. All hospitals that participate in the Medicare program were part of the independent study. Hospitals that receive the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence are those hospitals that rank in the top 5% when all 26 individual scores are aggregated into an overall score.

About Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center

Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center is a 334-bed acute care community hospital serving the health care needs of our community since 1926. We are dedicated to healing people, and strengthening the communities we serve. Glendale Memorial has also been distinguished as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for three years in a row by HealthGrades®.

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Editor's note: A full copy of the study is available at <http://www.healthgrades.com> or by contacting Scott Shapiro at sshapiro@healthgrades.com.