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NATIONAL STUDY: POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER IS A HEALTHGRADES FIVE-STAR RECIPIENT FOR PACEMAKER PROCEDURES

Pomona, CA (October 21, 2016) – Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC) today announced that it has achieved 5-stars for its performance in Pacemaker Procedures from Healthgrades, the leading online resource helping consumers make informed decisions to find the right doctor, the right hospital for the right care. This achievement is part of new findings and data released today by Healthgrades and is featured in the ***Healthgrades 2017 Report to the Nation***. Every year, Healthgrades evaluates hospital performance at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 34 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions.*



The new report demonstrates how clinical performance continues to differ dramatically between hospitals regionally and nationally. This variation in care has a significant impact on health outcomes. For example, from 2013-2015, if all hospitals as a group, performed similarly to hospitals receiving 5-stars as a group, on average 223,412 lives could potentially have been saved and 162,215 complications could potentially have been avoided. Additionally Healthgrades compared hospitals with statistically better than expected performance (5-stars), as a group, to those with statistically worse than expected performance (1-star), as a group, and found patients having Pacemaker Procedures in hospitals with 5-stars have, on average 56.6% lower risk of experiencing a complication while in the hospital than if they were treated by hospitals with 1-star.**

“PVHMC is dedicated to providing a high standard of care to our community, so we are proud to be recognized by Healthgrades as a national leader for our Pacemaker Procedures,” said Dr. Rama Thumati, cardiologist at PVHMC. “PVHMC’s Stead Heart and Vascular Center has a rich history of being a leader in innovative treatments for 30 years.”

PVHMC’s Electrophysiology/Pacemaker Program provides the most advanced services and offers state-of-the-art implantable devices, such as fixed-rate pacemakers, single-chamber pacemakers for the lower chamber of the heart, dual-chamber pacemakers for both the top and bottom chambers of the heart and demand mode pacemakers for activation only when the patient’s heart rate falls below a predetermined level.

PVHMC’s high quality of care is not only offered in the operating room, but it extends to the hospital’s Pacemaker Clinic, where a highly-skilled staff closely evaluates and manages the continual care of each patient prior to and following the implantation of cardiac pacemakers and automatic internal cardioverter defibrillator systems.

“Hospitals that have achieved Healthgrades 5-stars have demonstrated a commitment to exceptional quality care for their patients,” said Evan Marks, Chief Strategy Officer, Healthgrades. “In an environment where consumers have more choices about where to receive their care, a hospital’s commitment to achieving a superior degree of quality for their patients is more important than ever.”

*For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 45 million Medicare inpatient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide, assessing hospital performance relative to each of 32 common conditions and procedures, as well as an evaluation of comparative outcomes in appendectomy and bariatric surgery using all-payer data provided by 18 states. Healthgrades recognizes a hospital’s quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5-star (statistically significantly better than expected), 3-star (not statistically different from expected) and 1-star (statistically significantly worse than expected) categories. The complete **Healthgrades 2017 Report to the Nation** and detailed study methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality.

About Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center is a 437-bed, acute care, nationally accredited not-for-profit medical center serving eastern Los Angeles and western San Bernardino counties. In 2015, PVHMC achieved The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for advanced certification in inpatient diabetes care, palliative care, sepsis and total joint replacement. In 2014, PVHMC was recognized by Healthgrades as one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery, Coronary Interventions and Cardiac Care, and was announced as one of only four hospitals in California to achieve Excellence Awards in Cardiac Surgery, Coronary Interventions and Cardiac Care and three Top 100 designations listed previously. PVHMC is also a recipient of the prestigious Baby- Friendly designation. For more information, visit: www.pvhmc.org.

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***Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2013 through 2015 and represent 3-year estimates for Medicare patients only.*