



**Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center named one of
*Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award™ Recipients***

POMONA, Calif. (April 5, 2016) – Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC) announced today that it has achieved the Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award™, a designation that recognizes superior performance in hospitals that have prevented the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays. The distinction places PVHMC among the top 5% of hospitals in the nation for its excellent performance as evaluated by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

On average, 270,457 patient safety events could have been avoided if all hospitals, as a group from 2012 from 2014, performed similarly to hospitals performing better than expected on each of 13 patient safety indicators evaluated by Healthgrades.

In addition, during this study period, patients treated in hospitals receiving Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award were, on average:

- 40.2% less likely to experience an accidental puncture or laceration during a procedure, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.
- 44.2% less likely to experience a collapsed lung due to a procedure or surgery in or around the chest, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.
- 54.4% less likely to experience catheter-related blood stream infections, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.
- 50.4% less likely to experience pressure sores or bed sores acquired in the hospital, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.¹

“We are honored to have received the Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award in 2013 and now again in 2016,” says Richard E. Yochum, President/CEO of PVHMC. “To be recognized from the leading online resource of comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals is truly a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center. We are proud to be a leader and influencer in safety and it is our commitment to carry on this legacy throughout the years to come.”

“The recipients of the Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award have not only found ways to reduce patient safety events, but to outperform expectations in prevention of safety incidents,” said Evan Marks, Chief Strategy Officer, Healthgrades. “We applaud these hospitals for their performance and for their organizational commitment to delivering high-quality care.”

¹ Statistics are based on Healthgrades Patient Safety Ratings and Excellence Award methodology which includes application of AHRQ QI software to MedPAR data for years 2012 through 2014 and represent 3-year estimates for Medicare patients only.

During the study period (2012-2014), Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award recipient hospitals performed with excellence in providing safety for patients in the Medicare population, as measured by objective outcomes (risk-adjusted patient safety indicator rates) for 13 patient safety indicators defined by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

At PVHMC, every step of the patient's journey is evaluated to identify new ways to maximize safety from start to finish. This is done for patients in the hospital, but also when they return home. PVHMC believes in the importance of engaging families throughout the entire process, so they can provide safe and effective healing at home. One of the foundational practices that sets PVHMC apart from other hospitals is the SIM lab, which is used to train associates for many critical emergency situations. The goal of the SIM lab is to identify how to be most efficient during procedures and provide the safest environment possible. Hospitals come from all over California to take advantage of the maternal hemorrhage SIM lab, which helps physicians find new ways to avoid maternal hemorrhages. Other areas of focus include prevention of patient falls and increased surgical safety. These are just a few of the numerous measures PVHMC is taking to promote the safety of their patients.

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About Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center is a 453-bed, acute care, nationally accredited not-for-profit medical center serving eastern Los Angeles and western San Bernardino counties. PVHMC is one of only four hospitals in California to be named a recipient of the Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award for five consecutive years. This year, 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 the only hospital in California to achieve Excellence Awards in Cardiac Surgery, Coronary Interventions and Cardiac Care and three Top 100 designations listed previously. PVHMC also recently received the prestigious Baby-Friendly designation. In 2013, the Hospital was named one of the nation's Top Performer's on Key Quality measures for excellence in heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia care by The Joint Commission. The Hospital was also recognized by Thomson Reuters in 2011 as a 50 Top Cardio Vascular Hospital and a four-time recipient of the 100 Top Hospitals in the nation in the past 16 years. For more information, visit: www.pvhmc.org.

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