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SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL HOSPITAL NAMED AMONG AMERICA'S 50 BEST HOSPITALS FOR CARDIAC SURGERY™

San Antonio Regional Hospital is among the top hospitals nationally for Cardiac Surgery according to Healthgrades

Upland, CA (June 23, 2022) – San Antonio Regional Hospital is one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery™ according to new research released by <u>Healthgrades</u>, the leading resource that connects consumers, physicians and health systems. Every year, Healthgrades evaluates hospital performance at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 31 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions.*

The hospitals that have achieved the Healthgrades America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery™ have demonstrated exceptional quality of care. From 2018-2020, patients treated at hospitals receiving the America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery Award have, on average, a 52.8% lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award.* Additionally, patients treated at hospitals which did not receive the America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery Award are, on average, 2.12 times more likely to die than if they were treated at hospitals that did receive the award.*

"Consumers can feel confident in the America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery™ for their commitment to quality care and exceptional outcomes. The recognition helps provide peace of mind when selecting a place for care," said Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Head of Data Science at Healthgrades.

San Antonio is among the top 50 hospitals for all recipients of Healthgrades Cardiac Surgery Specialty Excellence Award, placing us in the top 5% in the nation. The Cardiac Surgery Specialty Award recognizes hospitals with superior clinical outcomes in heart bypass surgery and heart valve surgery.

Hospital initiatives such as technology investments and best practices in care have helped San Antonio reach this achievement. The hospital invested in opening a third state of the art cardiac catheterization lab in October of 2021. A multidisciplinary team meets regularly to review all open heart surgery cases. This includes cardiothoracic surgeons, anesthesia, intensivists, surgery department staff, perfusionists, cardiac nurse navigators, and nursing directors from the CCU and telemetry units. In addition, nurses who care for our patients post-surgery are specially trained and receive ongoing cardiac education.

"Being named One of America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery™ by Healthgrades is a very prestigious honor," stated John Chapman, President and CEO of San Antonio Regional Hospital. "We have an accomplished group of cardiac surgeons, nurses, clinical support, and quality management team members who have all contributed to our outstanding patient outcomes. Their commitment to our patients has allowed us to be ranked among the top hospitals in the nation. I am pleased that we can bring this level of heart surgery excellence to our community, close to home."

San Antonio Regional Hospital was also recognized for the following clinical achievements:

- Recipient of the Healthgrades Cardiac Surgery Excellence Award™ (2021-2022)
- Named Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Cardiac Surgery (2022)
- Named Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Cardiac Surgery (2021-2022)
- Five-Star Recipient for Coronary Bypass Surgery (2021-2022)

For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 45 million Medicare inpatient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide to assess hospital performance in 31 common conditions and procedures. 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).

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ABOUT SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL HOSPITAL

San Antonio Regional Hospital in Upland, California is a 363-bed, nonprofit, acute care hospital that combines excellent clinical care with exceptional compassion. The award-winning hospital offers a comprehensive range of general medical and surgical services, along with the latest technological advances in cardiac care, cancer care, orthopedics, neurosciences, women's health, maternity and neonatal care, and emergency services. Founded in 1907, with only 18 beds and 5 physicians, San Antonio Regional Hospital is continually growing with its community and is now recognized as a premier regional medical facility with satellite locations across the rapidly expanding Inland Empire. Given its broad geographic reach and the depth and breadth of its services and programs, supported by the latest medical science and technology, San Antonio is a hospital of the future, offering state-of-the-art healthcare services in a healing environment focused on the patient and family. To learn more, visit sarh.org.

^{*} Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2018 through 2020 and represent three-year estimates for Medicare patients only. For appendectomy and bariatric surgery, Healthgrades used inpatient data from 16 states that provide all-payer data for years 2017 through 2019. Due to the highly variable impact of the pandemic on hospital outcomes, Healthgrades made the decision to exclude cases with a COVID-19 diagnosis from the 2020 data in order to preserve the statistical integrity of our models and fairly evaluate clinical outcomes at all hospitals. To view the complete methodology, please visit: https://www.healthgrades.com/quality/ratings-awards/methodology