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San Antonio Regional Hospital Awarded Advanced Total Hip and Knee Replacement Certification from The Joint Commission

UPLAND, CA, May 27, 2026 – San Antonio Regional Hospital has again earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Advanced Total Hip and Knee Replacement Certification by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization’s commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

The certification, offered in collaboration with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, focuses on the pre-surgical orthopedic consultation to the intraoperative, hospitalization or ambulatory surgical center admission, rehabilitation activities, and follow-up visit with the orthopedic surgeon.

San Antonio Regional Hospital underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review on March 30-31, 2026. During the visit, a Joint Commission reviewer evaluated compliance with related certification standards including program management, supporting self-management, and delivering and facilitating clinical care. Joint Commission standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. The reviewer also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

“Advanced Total Hip and Knee Replacement Certification recognizes health care organizations committed to fostering continuous quality improvement in patient safety and quality of care,” says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. “We commend San Antonio Regional Hospital for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for orthopedic patients.”

The Joint Commission is recognized as the nation’s leading hospital accrediting body,” said John Chapman, President and CEO of San Antonio Regional Hospital. “Receiving advanced certification for the full range of services provided through our Advanced Total Hip & Knee Replacement Center reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering the highest standards of orthopedic care. This achievement is a testament to the exceptional collaboration, expertise, and dedication of our orthopedic team, whose patient-centered approach continues to distinguish our joint replacement program.”

Advanced certification is based on a rigorous review and compliance with the highest national standards, clinical guidelines, and outcomes of care. This achievement is a reflection of the diligent efforts of a multidisciplinary team of Board Certified doctors and their office staff, nurses (including certified orthopedic nurses), physical therapists, and numerous support staff throughout San Antonio Regional Hospital.

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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.