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Healthgrades Studies: Pacific Alliance Medical Center Receives Clinical Distinctions for Cardiac, Stroke, Critical Care and Maternity Care

Los Angeles, CA (October 23, 2012)-Pacific Alliance Medical Center announced recently that it is a recipient of the Stroke Care Excellence Award for the 6th consecutive year, according to Healthgrades, the leading provider of information to help consumers make an informed decision about a physician or hospital. Pacific Alliance is also a 5 star recipient for treatment of heart attack, heart failure, stroke and sepsis. Earlier this year, the facility announced that they are a 5 star recipient for Maternity Care for the 9th year in a row (2004-2012).

The findings are part of *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, which evaluates the performance of approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide across nearly 30 of the most common conditions and procedures from 2009 through 2011.

“We are all extremely pleased to receive these Healthgrades distinctions for our quality care in cardiac, stroke, critical care as well as maternity care,” said John Edwards, CEO of Pacific Alliance Medical Center. “Being recognized on a national level is the result of hard work from all our medical and auxiliary staff as well as the dedication the hospital has to our community.

The Healthgrades study found that patients treated in hospitals receiving 5 stars had, on average, a 75% lower risk of dying and 61% lower risk of experiencing a complication than in 1 star hospitals. Additionally, approximately 183,534 in-hospital complications could potentially have been avoided and 235,378 lives could have been saved if all hospitals performed at a 5 star level.

In a separate study, *Healthgrades 2012 Trends in Women’s Health in American Hospitals*, released on June 19, 2012, Healthgrades found that women who give birth at 5-Star rated hospitals experience 62 percent fewer complications than lower-performing hospitals.

Healthgrades independently evaluates hospitals based on Medicare data that hospitals submit to the federal government. No hospital can opt in or out of being measured, and no hospital pays to be measured. Mortality and complication rates are risk adjusted, which takes into account each hospital’s unique population (demographics and severity of illness).

The *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, including the complete methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality.

About Pacific Alliance Medical Center

For over 150 years, Pacific Alliance Medical Center has “pursued a vision of excellence to be the best” in Los Angeles. It is this vision that has inspired the hospital to assemble a first-class team of physician, nurses, and technicians and to develop services and programs that are attuned to the needs of the community. The 142-bed general acute hospital offers a wide range of services and medical specialties.

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