Eisenhower Receives 2008 Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award

Eisenhower Medical Center's Orthopedics Center of Excellence has achieved the distinction of being ranked number one in the state of California for joint replacements by HealthGrades®, a leading independent health care ratings organization. The Tenth Annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence Study analyzes the quality of care at more than 5,000 hospitals across the nation and publishes ratings based on the performance of each hospital, utilizing objective data to determine which organizations have the most successful clinical outcomes.

"I am very proud that Eisenhower Medical Center was named number one in the state of California for joint replacements," says G. Aubrey Serfling, President and Chief Executive Officer of Eisenhower Medical Center. "It has been our goal to provide our community with care that ranks among the best in the nation, and HealthGrades has confirmed that our Orthopedics Center of Excellence is a leader in the hospital community."

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HealthGrades utilized fiscal years 2004, 2005 and 2006 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review data from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services of clinical outcomes to develop a risk-adjusted data set to make valid comparisons between health care facilities. Analyzing more than 40 million Medicare hospitalization records, HealthGrades scores each hospital's data based on whether clinical outcomes are better than expected, as expected or less than expected. The best outcomes are given a five star rating, while average or as expected outcomes receive three stars and poor outcomes receive one star. Only an estimated 15 percent of the hospitals in the nation fall into the five star category.

Eisenhower Medical Center achieved the following recognition by HealthGrades in the area of orthopedics:

- BEST (#1) IN CALIFORNIA FOR JOINT REPLACEMENTS
- 2008 ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY EXCELLENCE AWARD™
- 2008 JOINT REPLACEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD™
- TOP FIVE PERCENT IN THE NATION FOR JOINT REPLACEMENTS
- FIVE STAR RATED FOR OVERALL ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES
- FIVE STAR RATED FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT
- FIVE STAR RATED FOR TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT
- FIVE STAR RATED FOR TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENTS
- FIVE STAR RATED FOR HIP FRACTURE REPAIR

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