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UCSF Medical Center Among Nation's Top 10 Hospitals and Best in the Bay Area

UCSF Medical Center ranks among the nation's top 10 premier hospitals and is the best in the Bay Area, according to the new 2009-10 America's Best Hospitals survey conducted by U.S. News & World Report.

This year, UCSF retains its place as the seventh best hospital in the country, earning a spot on the survey's "honor roll." Of the 4,861 medical centers evaluated by U.S. News, only 21 earned honor roll status, demonstrating excellence and breadth of expertise by ranking at or near the top in at least six specialties.

The U.S. News score summarizes overall quality of inpatient care including reputation, mortality, patient safety, and quality-related measures, such as patient volume and nursing care. This is the ninth consecutive year UCSF has earned a top 10 ranking and honor roll status.

"I want to commend the UCSF clinicians, faculty and staff of the medical center for keeping the health of our patients at the forefront of everything they do," said UCSF Medical Center CEO Mark Laret. "We consistently rank among the nation's top hospitals because of their unwavering commitment to continually improving the quality and delivery of our care."

In addition to the overall ranking, U.S. News evaluated 16 medical specialties. UCSF distinguished itself in the following areas:

§ In 11 specialties, UCSF placed among the top 10 medical centers nationwide: cancer; diabetes and endocrine disorders; digestive disorders; geriatric care; gynecology; kidney disorders; neurology and neurosurgery; ophthalmology; respiratory disorders; rheumatology; and urology.

§ In five specialties, UCSF is the top-ranked facility in both California and the Bay Area: cancer; diabetes and endocrine disorders; gynecology; neurology and

neurosurgery; and respiratory disorders. UCSF also is ranked best in the Bay Area in six additional specialties: digestive disorders; geriatric care; kidney disorders; ophthalmology; rheumatology; and urology.

§ In eight specialties, UCSF moved up in the rankings from last year: digestive disorders; ear, nose and throat; geriatric care; heart and heart surgery; kidney disorders; neurology and neurosurgery; psychiatry; and urology.

In a separate set of pediatric specialty rankings released in June 2009, UCSF Children's Hospital was ranked among the nation's best children's hospitals in nine pediatric specialties, making it one of the top-ranked facilities in California.

UCSF Medical Center is recognized throughout the world as a leading academic medical center that provides innovative treatments, uses advanced technology, fosters collaboration among clinicians and scientists, and employs a highly compassionate team of doctors, nurses and staff.

Results from the U.S. News 20th annual survey are available online at **www.usnews.com/besthospitals** <http://vocuspr.vocus.com/VocusPR30/Url.aspx?517244x22026196x-7384784xa1026> and will appear in the July 21 issue of the magazine.

U.S. News and World Report Best Hospitals Honor Roll

1. Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore
2. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
3. Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles
4. Cleveland Clinic
5. Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston
6. New York-Presbyterian University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell
7. **UCSF Medical Center**
8. Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
9. Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University, St. Louis
10. (tie) Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston
10. (tie) Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.
12. University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle
13. UPMC-University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
14. University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers, Ann Arbor
15. Stanford Hospital and Clinics

16. Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville
17. (tie) NYU Medical Center
17. (tie) Yale-New Haven Hospital
19. Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York
20. Methodist Hospital, Houston
21. Ohio State University Hospital

UCSF Medical Center Specialty Rankings in Top 10

- Cancer – **8**
- Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders **- 4**
- Digestive Disorders **- 9**
- Geriatric Care – **9**
- Gynecology – **5**
- Kidney Disorders **- 10**
- Neurology and Neurosurgery – **3**
- Ophthalmology – **10**
- Respiratory Disorders – **10**
- Rheumatology – **9**
- Urology – **5**

UCSF Children's Hospital Specialty Rankings
(released June 2009)

- Cancer – **19**
- Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders – **6**
- Digestive Disorders – **17**
- Heart and Heart Surgery – **21**
- Kidney Disorders – **8**
- Neonatal Care – **12**
- Neurology and Neurosurgery – **13**
- Orthopedics – **29**
- Urology – **26**

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