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UC San Diego Health System Ranks #1 in San Diego

2012 US News & World Report ranks health system among the nation's best

UC San Diego Health System is ranked among the nation's best in *U.S. News & World Report's* 23rd annual "America's Best Hospitals" issue. The magazine ranked UC San Diego Health System #1 in the San Diego metropolitan area.

"As the region's only academic health system, we are proud to be recognized as San Diego's top hospital," said Paul Viviano, CEO, UC San Diego Health System. "Patients seek out UC San Diego Health System for our ability to provide superior care for the full spectrum of medical needs including the most serious and rare conditions. To be recognized for this dedication, at a national level, is a credit to our physicians, nurses and staff."



UC San Diego Health System is ranked #1 in the region by & World Report.

UC San Diego Medical Center was ranked in four categories including geriatrics (#37), nephrology (#32), pulmonology (#22) and urology (#37). Additionally, it ranked "high-performing" in cancer; cardiology & heart surgery; diabetes & endocrinology; ear, nose & throat; gastroenterology, gynecology, neurology & neurosurgery; orthopedics; psychiatry; and rheumatology.

"By translating our research findings into lifesaving medical and surgical care, we have a profound impact on health care locally and nationally," said David Brenner, MD, vice chancellor for Health Sciences and dean of UC San Diego School of Medicine. "This top ranking also reflects our expertise in training physicians who deliver compassionate, leading-edge care while pushing the boundaries of medical practice."

This year's Best Hospitals edition showcases more than 720 of the nation's roughly 5,000 hospitals. Whereas UC San Diego is ranked in four of 16 medical specialties, nationally, fewer than 150 are ranked nationally in at least one of 16 medical specialties.

“The hospital rankings are like a GPS-type aid to help steer patients to hospitals with strong skills in the procedures and medical conditions that present the biggest challenges,” said U.S. News Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. “They are where other hospitals send the toughest cases.”

The rankings were published by U.S. News in collaboration with RTI International, a research organization based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Highlights of the 2012-13 rankings will appear in the *U.S. News Best Hospitals 2013* guidebook, to go on sale in August.

The complete rankings and methodology are available at health.usnews.com/best-hospitals

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