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## **“Top Docs” Continue to Raise the Bar at UC San Diego Health**

### **More than 100 UC San Diego Health Physicians in 41 Specialties Named Best Doctors in Region**

The votes are in and more than 100 physicians from UC San Diego Health were named “Top Docs” in the annual *San Diego Magazine* “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey. These physicians represent 41 diverse specialties, from family medicine, surgery and oncology to obstetrics, cardiology and emergency medicine.

“As the only academic health system in the region, UC San Diego Health strives to deliver outstanding patient care through commitment to the community, groundbreaking research and inspired teaching. We are honored to be recognized in a wide array of medical and surgical specialties where patients have access to the best experts and the most advanced technologies,” said Patty Maysent, interim CEO, UC San Diego Health.

The “Top Docs” annual survey, conducted by the San Diego County Medical Society and *San Diego Magazine*, gives local physicians the opportunity to vote for board-certified peers practicing in San Diego County to whom they would refer their own patients and family members. This year, there were more than 700 “Top Docs” named in the region.

UC San Diego Health physicians ranked as “Top Docs” in 41 specialties. Ten physicians within this group ranked in more than one specialty.

From cardiologists pioneering new heart devices, orthopedic experts studying astronauts to improve chronic back pain and oncologists riding their bikes 150 miles to support cancer research and new treatment therapies, UC San Diego Health’s “Top Docs” continue to raise the bar in the clinical setting, research lab and community

“Every patient who enters the doors to our clinics and hospitals deserves the highest quality of care. This prestigious recognition reflects the dedication, compassion and breakthrough discoveries from our physicians who are changing the delivery of health care in San Diego

County and beyond,” said Maysent. “The ‘Top Docs’ list is a valuable tool for all patients, whether having a baby, getting a routine exam or undergoing a lifesaving surgery.”

Recently, UC San Diego Health was again ranked among the nation’s best in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2015-16 “America’s Best Hospitals” issue. The magazine placed UC San Diego Health number one in the San Diego metropolitan area for the fifth consecutive year with national rankings in 12 specialties, placing it among the nation’s most prestigious institutions.

UC San Diego Health has also been awarded with an “A” for top grade patient safety by the latest Hospital Safety Score, and UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest has been named one of “100 Great Hospitals in America” by *Becker’s Hospital Review*.

UC San Diego Health is composed of UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest and Thornton Hospital, Moores Cancer Center, Shiley Eye Institute, and Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, all in La Jolla, as well as other primary and specialty practices located throughout Southern California.

In 2016, UC San Diego Health will open Jacobs Medical Center, the largest new hospital project in southern California. The 10-story, 509,500-square-foot expansion of UC San Diego Health’s La Jolla campus will offer specialty care and innovation in three key areas: advanced surgical care, cancer care and women and infants care.

To learn more about our “Top Docs” and how to make an appointment with them, please visit: UC San Diego Top Doctors or health.ucsd.edu

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