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UC San Diego Health Ranks #1 by U.S. News & World Report

Among nation's best in eight medical and surgical specialties

Ranked No. 1 in San Diego, UC San Diego Health and its hospitals have been recognized among the best in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2016-17. The annual *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Hospitals" rankings distinguish hospitals that excel in treating the most challenging health conditions.

"Our commitment to transform health care for patients locally and nationally reflects, once again, in our ranking among the top 50 in the *U.S. News & World Report* annual report," said Patty Maysent, CEO, UC San Diego Health. "Being named among the best in eight specialties is evidence of extraordinary clinical care provided for an array of conditions by some of the world's best clinicians, surgeons and supporting teams."



UC San Diego Health ranked No. 1 health system in the San Diego metropolitan region for the sixth consecutive year.

U.S. News & World Report ranked 153 hospitals in at least one specialty for the "Best Hospitals 2016-17" issue. UC San Diego Health ranked in Pulmonology (#11), Nephrology (#24), Geriatrics (#28), Orthopedics (#28), Cardiology and Heart Surgery (#31), Cancer (#35), Neurology & Neurosurgery (#37), and Urology (#49). It is considered high-performing in diabetes and gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery.

UC San Diego has been ranked the No. 1 health system in the San Diego metropolitan region for six consecutive years. UC San Diego Health is recognized widely among the country's most prestigious health care institutions.

U.S. News & World Report publishes “Best Hospitals” to help guide patients who need a high level of care because they face a particularly difficult surgery, a challenging condition or extra risk due to age, multiple health issues or other problems. Objective measures, such as patient survival and safety data, the number of times a given procedure is performed, infection rates and adequacy of nurse staffing factor into the rankings.

“U.S. News evaluates nearly 5,000 hospitals nationwide,” said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis at *U.S. News & World Report*. “A hospital that emerged from our analysis as one of the best has much to be proud of.”

In 2016, UC San Diego Health will open Jacobs Medical Center, the largest current hospital project in California. The 10-story, 509,500-square-foot expansion of UC San Diego Health’s La Jolla campus will offer specialized services and expertise for advanced surgery, cancer care and women and infants care.

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

The specialty rankings and data were produced for *U.S. News & World Report* by RTI International, a research organization based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. The rankings are available at health.usnews.com/best-hospitals and will appear in the *U.S. News & World Report* “Best Hospitals 2017” guidebook, available August 1.

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