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UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center Listed among Nation's Best Heart Hospitals

The Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center located at University of California, San Diego Health System has been named among “100 Hospitals with Great Heart Programs” by *Becker's Hospital Review*, a business and legal news publication for hospital and health system leadership.

According to Becker's editorial team, the hospitals chosen for this list “offer outstanding heart care” and were selected based on clinical accolades, recognition for quality care and contributions to the field of cardiology and cardiovascular surgery.



UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center is among best in nation.

“It is a great honor to be recognized for the high quality of our patient care,” said Paul Viviano, CEO, UC San Diego Health System. “Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center provides comprehensive cardiac and stroke care and is ranked among the most prestigious cardiac hospitals nationally.”

Becker's editorial team also noted that these hospitals have been set apart for excellence in heart care and research by reputable healthcare rating resources, including *U.S. News & World Report*, HealthGrades, Thomson Reuters, and the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center was specifically recognized as being San Diego's first dedicated heart center and for its advanced surgical capabilities.

“At Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, we provide our regional, national and international patients with a combination of advanced cardiac diagnostics, novel treatments, and access to a number of unique clinical programs,” said Kirk L. Peterson, MD, director, Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center and professor of Cardiology and Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine. “This recognition speaks to the dedication of our multi-disciplinary team members toward providing the very best care possible.”

The Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center is the first hospital-based project in the region to receive LEED Gold certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center has also received *Modern Healthcare*'s highest design honor, the 2012 Modern Healthcare Design Award, and was ranked #10 on Soliant Health Care's annual list of top 20 most beautiful hospitals in the United States. In October 2012, Truven Health Analytics named Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center one of the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals.

To view an alphabetical listing of "100 Hospitals with Great Heart Programs," please visit: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/great-heart-programs-2013/100-hospitals-with-great-heart-programs.html>

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About UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center is dedicated to innovative care and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. The state-of-the-art facility, which opened in La Jolla in 2011, is the region's first academic-based facility to combine all heart and vascular-related services, programs and technology under one roof. For more information, visit www.heartcenter.ucsd.edu

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