

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

St. Joseph's Medical Center has always been strongly committed to providing the best possible care for our patients. Through the years we've received numerous awards and recognitions for clinical excellence, quality, and innovation, including that of consistently being chosen as the most preferred hospital by local consumers. Recently, the quality of our care was recognized by a third party organization, HealthGrades. St. Joseph's has received the **2008 Cardiac Surgery Excellence Award**.

HealthGrades is the nation's leading health care ratings organization that independently and objectively grades the performance of virtually every hospital in the United States engaged in cardiology and cardiac surgery. They compare the quality of care of 5,000 hospitals using clinical indicators. HealthGrades uses a risk-adjustment model that accounts for variations in the illness of patients cared for by different hospitals, which makes fair comparisons possible. The evaluation is based on the most recent three years of Medicare data available, 2004-2006.

Comparing our performance to local and national benchmarks, HealthGrades analysis indicates that St. Joseph's Medical Center ranks among the **top 5% in the nation** for cardiac surgery, and in fact, **we are rated the best in Northern California** for cardiac surgery. Considering that Northern California includes quality healthcare organizations known nationally for their premier heart programs, it is a distinguished honor to be at the top of this elite list. We are especially proud to be able to provide patients with the superior clinical excellence for cardiac surgery they deserve right here in their own community.

We believe that excellence is achieved by the teamwork of St. Joseph's physicians, nurses, technicians, support staff and volunteers, as well as the availability of advanced technology. We are pleased to receive the HealthGrades recognition and are dedicated to continuously improving our care to deliver the cardiac excellence our patients deserve.



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