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**KAISER PERMANENTE LOS ANGELES MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES
HEALTHGRADES DISTINGUISHED HOSPITAL AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE**

LOS ANGELES, CA, February 6, 2014 —Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center has received the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ from Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals. The quality ratings tell how well patients fared during their hospital stay in terms of mortality, complications, and other quality measures. The honor places Kaiser Permanente’s largest Medical Center among the top five percent of nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide.

“We are so honored to receive this award as it reflects the passion and dedication of our physicians, staff and volunteers, who consistently go the extra mile to provide excellent care aimed at helping all our members achieve their optimum health,” said Mark Costa, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Medical Center. “Safety and clinical excellence continues to drive the work we do as we strive towards providing the best high quality, affordable care.”

The analysis is based on the evaluation of risk-adjusted mortality and in-hospital complications across at least 21 of the 30 most common inpatient conditions and procedures from 2010 to 2012. Patients at Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence were more likely to have successful health outcomes. According to the Healthgrades website, if all hospitals performed at this level during the evaluation period, 156,036 lives could have potentially been saved.

Los Angeles Medical Center received the following additional distinctions from Healthgrades in 2014:

- Patient Safety Excellence Award™
- Cardiac Surgery Excellence Award™
- Gastrointestinal Care Excellence Award™
- General Surgery Excellence Award™
- Spine Surgery Excellence Award™
- Los Angeles Medical Center was Five-star rated for:
 - Heart attack
 - Heart failure
 - Coronary artery bypass graft
 - Pacemaker procedures
 - Valve surgery
 - Colorectal surgery
 - Esophageal/Stomach surgery

About Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center

The Los Angeles Medical Center (LAMC) is Kaiser Permanente's tertiary center of excellence in Southern California. LAMC offers a wide range of specialty care services, featuring 40 Centers of Excellence, including complex neurosurgery, pediatrics, comprehensive cancer care, and one of the largest cardiac surgery programs in the western United States. LAMC is also a medical learning institution where highly trained doctors mentor and teach new generations of physicians and caregivers. LAMC currently hosts approximately 300 active medical research projects across a range of disciplines. More than 750,000 patients visit LAMC a year. For more information, visit www.kp.org/losangeles.

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