Woodland Hills Medical Center Ranked Among State's Top 50 Hospitals

Hospital is also rated high in patient satisfaction and high performing in orthopedics, urology, and heart failure.

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WOODLAND HILLS, Calif. — U.S. News & World Report's 2018-19 Best Hospitals study released today ranked Woodland Hills Medical Center among the state's Top 50 for overall care.

Additionally, U.S. News & World Report rated Woodland Hills Medical Center "high performing" in adult specialties of Orthopedics and Urology; and "high performing" in the adult procedure of Heart Failure.

Woodland Hills Medical Center also received 4 out of 5 stars for: satisfaction with the hospital overall, willingness to recommend, satisfaction with doctors' communications, satisfaction with nurses' communications, satisfaction with pain relief, and satisfaction with efforts to prevent medical harm.

The U.S. News ratings are based on evaluation of the more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide. "This recognition is directly attributable to Kaiser Permanente's evidence-based, integrated approach in which we work together to foster a culture of continuous improvement and personalized care," said Patrick Courneya, MD, executive vice president and chief medical officer for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Inc. "We're proud that the U.S. News & World Report study places us with the best hospitals nationwide, but more importantly, we are proud that Kaiser Permanente is focused every day on helping our members get and stay healthy, so they can focus on what matters most in their lives."

Woodland Hills Medical Center is among nine Kaiser Permanente hospitals in California ranked among the state's Top 50 for overall care. The others are in: Los Angeles, Santa Clara, Downey, Fontana/Ontario, Riverside, San Jose, South Bay, and South San Francisco.

"Our highly skilled and compassionate physicians, nurses and front-line staff are dedicated to placing the patient at the center of everything we do," said Michael Kanter, MD, executive vice president and chief quality officer for The Permanente Federation, the national umbrella organization for the more than 21,000 physicians who provide care to Kaiser Permanente's more than 12.2 million members. "These results validate that our evidence-based approach to providing quality care is working."

In its hospital analysis, U.S. News & World Report uses publicly available data such as volume, mortality rates, infection rates, staffing levels and patient satisfaction rates, among others. For more information and complete ratings, visit <u>U.S. News & World Report.</u>

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