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NATIONAL STUDY: DOMINICAN HOSPITAL IS HEALTHGRADES FIVE-STAR RECIPIENT IN FOUR AREAS

SANTA CRUZ, CA. (Oct. 22, 2013) – Dominican Hospital has received 5 stars for the quality of its treatment of stroke and diabetic emergencies, and for appendectomy and coronary interventional procedures from Healthgrades, the leading online resource that helps consumers search, compare and connect with physicians and hospitals.

This achievement is part of new findings released today in *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2014: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, which evaluates hospital performance at over 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 31 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions. The new report demonstrates how clinical performance differs dramatically between hospitals.

“This recognition from Healthgrades shows our commitment to excellent care for the Santa Cruz community,” said Nanette Mickiewicz, MD, Dominican Hospital president. “Our cardiac, surgical, stroke and critical care teams continue to raise the bar for quality with regard to patient care.”

About the Report

For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 40 million Medicare-patient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide, assessing hospital performance relative to each of 31 common conditions and procedures. Healthgrades awards hospitals quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5 star (statistically better than expected), 3 star (statistically as expected) and 1 star (statistically worse than expected) categories. Detailed performance information, such as cohort-specific outcomes data and quality achievements for individual hospitals may be found at www.healthgrades.com/find-a-hospital.

More information on the *American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2014: Healthgrades Report to the Nation*, including the complete methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality.

Dominican Hospital has received several recognitions from Healthgrades, including:

Top 10% in the Nation

- Women’s Health, 2013

Excellence Award

- Women’s Health, 2013

Five-Star Awards

- Women's Health, 2013
- Coronary Interventional Procedures, 2014
- Stroke, 2014
- Appendectomy, 9 years in a row, 2006-2014
- Diabetic Emergencies, 2014

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**Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2010 through 2012 and represent 3-year estimates for Medicare patients only.*