



SALINAS VALLEY MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO VERY SIGNIFICANT DISTINCTIONS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU.

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President, Board of Directors

ACCORDING TO A REPORT RELEASED BY THE OFFICE of Statewide Health Planning and Development, our performance in coronary artery bypass graft surgery is among the best in the state. The report details quality ratings for all 121 California hospitals that perform this surgery, and shows that only Salinas Valley Memorial and three other California hospitals performed "better than expected." UC Davis Medical Center was the only other Northern California hospital to match our performance. Our heart program has developed over a period of 18 years, and it is this level of quality and expertise that has been fundamental to our program from the very beginning.

The second recognition that I would like to share with you comes in the area of patient safety. Salinas Valley Memorial has ranked among the top five percent nationally for patient safety outcomes. We are one of only 16 hospitals in California to

receive this recognition this year, and one of only three California hospitals to receive it three years in a row. These findings from HealthGrades, an independent hospital rating company, are a testimony to the skill and dedication of our patient care teams, and serve as peace of mind for the patients who walk through our doors every day.

It is rewarding to have our efforts recognized for excellence on a statewide and national basis. My thanks and congratulations go to our entire staff for their hard work and dedication. We are humbled by the tremendous honor of these two recent recognitions.



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