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French Hospital Medical Center is One of Nation’s Top Hospitals
The 2015 results have identified 100 hospitals that have proven to provide high value to their communities

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – March 2, 2015 – French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) is pleased to announce that it has been named one of the **Nation’s 100 Top Hospitals®** for a second time by Truven Health Analytics, a leading provider of information solutions to improve the cost and quality of health care.

“It is a truly great achievement to be named one of the nation’s Top 100,” said FHMC President and CEO Alan Iftiniuk. “This honor is the result of a passionate and strongly committed team of caregivers, physicians, support staff, and professional managers. I could not be more proud of our sustained efforts to continuously improve the level of commitment and excellence at French Hospital Medical Center.”

Modern Healthcare, in conjunction with Truven Health Analytics, today released its findings and identified the Nation’s 100 top U.S. hospitals based on their overall performance. This is the second time that FHMC has been recognized as one of the **Nation’s 100 Top Hospitals**.

The Truven Health Analytics 100 Top Hospitals® study evaluates performance in 10 areas: mortality; medical complications; patient safety; average patient stay; expenses; profitability; patient satisfaction; adherence to clinical standards of care; post-discharge mortality; and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure, and pneumonia. The study has been conducted annually since 1993.

The Top 100 Hospitals study is an unsolicited survey conducted by the impartial Truven Health Analytics, which evaluated nearly 3,000 short-term, acute-care, non-federal hospitals this year. The study chose the winners after reviewing public information – Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) data, and core measures and patient satisfaction data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) hospital compare website.

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Along with the designation of being a **Top 100 Hospital**, this acknowledgment comes on the heels of 17 recent Healthgrades awards and FHMC's recognition as a 50 Top Cardiac Hospital four times by Truven Health Analytics.

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About French Hospital Medical Center

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, is rated among the top hospitals in the nation for cardiac, orthopedic and GI services. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. French is a Dignity Health Central Coast hospital which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA, Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA, St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA and St. John's Pleasant Valley in Camarillo, CA. Dignity Health Central Coast is an integrated network of top quality hospitals, physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services including primary care offices, premier ambulatory surgery centers, technologically-advanced laboratories and imaging centers and a full service home health agency; all recognized for quality, safety and service. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities. To learn more go to www.frenchmedicalcenter.org.