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French Hospital Medical Center Recognized by a Second Organization as a Top 100 Hospital in the Nation

French is among only six hospitals in the state on the 2015 list

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – July 7, 2015 – French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) that is a part of the Dignity Health Central Coast network of hospitals that includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital (AGCH), and Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC), is pleased to announce that it has been included in the 2015 edition of the Becker's Hospital Review list of "**100 Great Community Hospitals**" in the United States.

Becker's Hospital Review is a monthly publication offering up-to-date business and legal news and analysis relating to hospitals and health systems. The Becker's Hospital Review editorial team selected hospitals for inclusion based on various rankings and awards. Becker's is an independent reviewer of data, and a hospital cannot pay for inclusion on the Top 100 list. FHMC is one of only six recipients in California to have been acknowledged for the 2015 list.

“This outstanding accomplishment falls on the heels of FHMC being recognized as a Top 100 Hospital in the Nation by Truven Health Analytics and as a recipient of the Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award,” says Alan Iftiniuk, FHMC President & CEO. “This significant recognition is yet another validation of the unwavering commitment to quality care, patient safety, and customer service by our staff and our physicians to our community.”

The hospitals featured on the list have fewer than 550 beds and minimal teaching programs. Some are suburban hospitals, but many are located in rural areas and are their communities' sole hospital. Becker's Hospital Review has published a version of this every year since 2011, and this is the fourth time the list has included 100 hospitals.

FHMC continues to transform its hospital campus with the Copeland Health Pavilion scheduled for completion in the late fall. Additional upgrades and enhancements are being made to sure our community has access to the central coast's most beautiful, innovative, and modernized facility. This most recent acknowledgement is a testament to the hard work and dedication by the French Hospital physicians, employees, volunteers, donors and board members.



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About French Hospital Medical Center

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, has been named one of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics, and is rated among the top hospitals in the nation for cardiac, orthopedic and GI services. French Hospital has achieved prestigious designation as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission. 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. In addition, an expansion and modernization project is underway at French Hospital, including construction of the Copeland Health Education Pavilion, which will provide community access to comprehensive health care education resources free of charge. 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 <http://www.dignityhealth.org/frenchhospital/>