

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY  
SERVICE FOR 2007**

**Recognitions Place Hospital in Top Ten Percent Nationally For Patient  
Satisfaction**

**ORANGE, Calif.** (June 00, 2008) – St. Joseph Hospital in Orange was recently named the recipient of numerous awards from Avatar International Inc., a non-profit research and training institute, including Five Star Service Ambulatory Surgery Care, Exemplary Service Most Improved Inpatient Care and the Innovation award for Outpatient Pavilion Holistic Care Journey.

St. Joseph Hospital was the only hospital in the nation to receive the award for ambulatory surgery care and one of only two to receive the Most Improved Inpatient award. Recipients for the awards were determined based on the results of surveys completed by patients in 2007.

“It is a great honor to be the recipient of these prestigious awards,” said Larry K. Ainsworth, president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph Hospital. “They validate our commitment to excellence in care and demonstrate that we often exceed our patient’s expectations.”

The ambulatory surgery care award indicates that patients would recommend the hospital to friends and family and would return themselves if care is needed in the future. The Most Improved Inpatient Care award was given to the hospital because survey results demonstrated a significant increase in patients’ confidence in Inpatient staff and

services. The Outpatient Pavilion Holistic Care Journey received the Innovation Award for best practice for improvement and innovation.

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