

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL RECEIVES SUPERIOR GRADE IN
OVERALL PATIENT EXPERIENCE**

**CalHospitalCompare.org Assigns Ratings to Help Consumers Compare Hospital
Performance**

ORANGE, Calif. (August 00, 2007) – St. Joseph Hospital in Orange was one of only three hospitals in Orange County to receive a superior grade in overall patient experience by CalHospitalCompare.org, a new Web site that offers ratings to help consumers choose a hospital based on their performance in key areas.

In rating the 210 participating hospitals, the site takes into account the quality and timeliness of care in treating patients for several conditions, overall patient experience and adherence to patient safety practices. The ratings range from poor to superior with the top-most grade indicating that the hospital performed well above average compared to other hospitals.

“It is a great honor to receive a superior grade in overall patient experience,” said Larry Ainsworth, CEO of St. Joseph Hospital. “Such a rating is indicative of the hospital’s enduring commitment of delivering quality and compassionate care to every single patient that passes through our doors.”

The Web site is the result of collaboration between The California HealthCare Foundation, the University of California at San Francisco Institute for Health Policy Studies, and the California Hospitals Assessment and Reporting Taskforce (CHART).

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