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ST. BERNARDINE MEDICAL CENTER:

St. Bernardine Medical Center ranked No. 1 in California and top 5 percent in the nation for orthopedics

The Best Orthopedic Hospital in the state of California is located in the heart of the Inland Empire. The 10th annual HealthGrades™ Hospital Quality in America Study ranks St. Bernardine Medical Center No. 1 in California and in the top 5 percent in the nation for overall orthopedic care, according to a company spokesperson.

The study, which is the largest of its kind, analyzed patient outcomes at virtually all of the nation's 5,000 hospitals over the years 2004, 2005 and 2006. HealthGrades' researchers found that in addition to being number one in the state, St. Bernardine Medical Center is ranked among the top 5 percent in the nation for overall orthopedic care as well as joint replacement.

What's more, St. Bernardine is recognized with five-star ratings in the following areas:

- Hip fracture repair
- Joint replacement
- Spine surgery
- Total hip replacement
- Total knee replacement

"To consistently provide top-quality care, everyone is involved," said Steve Barron, president of St. Bernardine Medical Center.

"The superior skills and compassion of the physicians and nurses in the operating suites using the latest techniques and technologies, the nurses doing both pre-operative and post-operative care, and the therapists getting people moving again, are what makes us the best. We count on the exceptional support of so many people at this facility," Barron said.

To prepare the study, researchers calculated, risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates and assigned hospitals a one-star (poor), three-star (as expected), or five-star (best) quality rating for 28 diagnoses and procedures from heart failure to hip replacement to pneumonia.

"Our research shows that while the overall quality of hospital care in America is improving, the gap between the best-performing hospitals and the worst persists," said Dr. Samantha Collier, HealthGrades' chief medical officer and author of the

study. "This persistent gap makes it imperative that anyone planning to be admitted to a hospital do their


homework and seek out highly rated facilities."

For referral to an orthopedic sur-

geon affiliated with St. Bernardine Medical Center, visit www.StBernardine.org.

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for Orthopedic Care
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The best orthopedic care California has to offer is right here in the Inland Empire at St. Bernardine Medical Center. According to HealthGrades®, the leading health care ratings organization, St. Bernardine:

- ★ Ranks first in the State of California and in the top 5% in the nation for overall orthopedic care
- ★ Ranks in the top 5% in the nation for joint replacement
- ★ Rates 5 stars for total hip replacement, total knee replacement, hip fracture repair and spinal surgery



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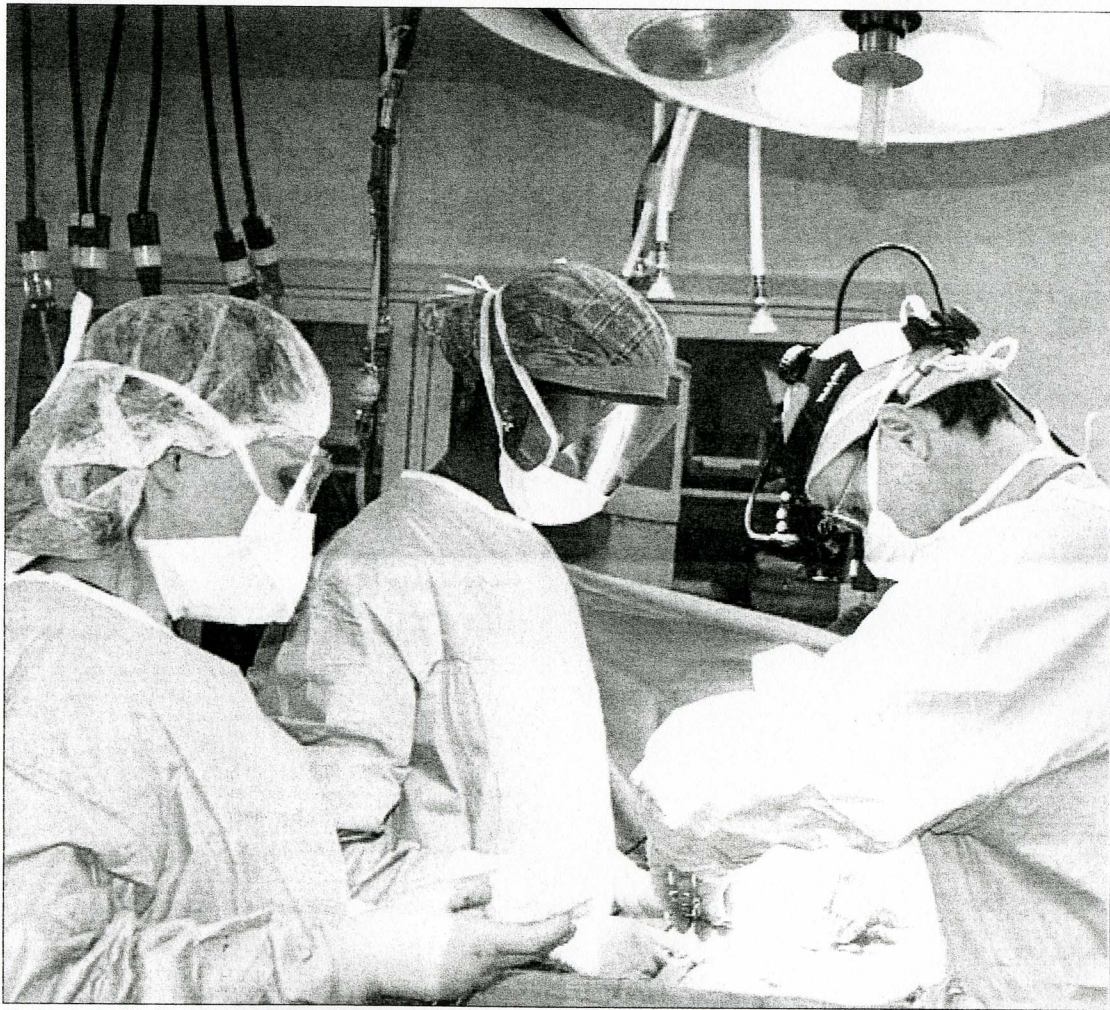
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St. Bernardine Medical Center's Orthopedic program has been ranked by HealthGrades™ as the number-one program in the State of California for quality outcomes for 2008. The latest orthopedic procedures are performed daily in the hospital's state-of-the-art operating suites. Pictured: John Steinmann, DO, performs a lumbar laminectomy with the assistance of the St. Bernardine's orthopedic surgical team.

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St. Bernardine Medical Center is

at 2101 N. Waterman Ave. in San Bernardino. The hospital has been providing needed health care services to the residents of San Bernardino and its surrounding communities for more than 76

years. Founded in 1931 by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, St. Bernardine Medical Center is a 463-bed acute care facility, caring for more than 43,000 emergency room patients, admitting

more than 16,000 patients for treatment and delivering 2,600 babies on average every year. St. Bernardine Medical Center is a member of Catholic Healthcare West.