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Loma Linda Veterans Medical Center Recognized by The Joint Commission as Top Performer

LOMA LINDA, Calif. — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Loma Linda Healthcare System was named one of the nation's top performers on key quality measures for 2010 by the Joint Commission. VA Loma Linda is one of only 405 U.S. hospitals in 45 states earning this distinction. This recognition is based on data reported to The Joint Commission about evidence-based clinical processes that are closely linked to positive patient outcomes for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

“We at VA are very pleased with the recognition from The Joint Commission and proud of the medical centers that made this list, proving VA's dedication to performance measurement and accountability are placing Veterans' health care among the top tiers of the country,” said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. “I hope this news confirms American Veterans' confidence in the care they receive or convinces others to decide to try VA health care for the first time.”

Recognition as a top performer relates to 22 accountability measures. The list of top performing hospitals and the measure set or sets for which each hospital was recognized are available online at www.jointcommission.org/topperformers.

While all VA medical centers are accredited by The Joint Commission, this recognition of top performers represents approximately 14 percent of Joint Commission Accredited facilities that report core measure performance data. There are 19 other VA facilities on the top performer list including VA San Diego Healthcare System.

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