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**ST. JOSEPH HERITAGE MEDICAL GROUP AWARDED  
TOP HONORS IN CALIFORNIA**



**Integrated Healthcare Association Recognizes Top  
Performance in Clinical Quality, Patient  
Satisfaction and Use of Information Technology**

ORANGE, CA. - October 9, 2006 - St. Joseph Heritage Medical Group (SJHMG) was identified as one of California's top performing physician groups by the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA).

The medical group, which is associated with St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, was recognized for high performance on important health care quality measures, including preventive care and chronic health care management, patient satisfaction, and use of information technology to support patient management and care. SJHMG has been serving St. Joseph Hospital for more than four decades, with specialties in pediatrics, internal medicine and family practice.

"St. Joseph Hospital is exceedingly proud to be associated with such a high-quality medical group," said Alan Garrett, Chief Administrating Officer of SJHMG and Chief Operating Officer of St. Joseph Hospital. "The dedication of SJHMG physicians to improving the health and quality of life of the people we serve is truly inspiring."

"This recognition is validation that with a focus on quality a group of doctors can provide

more comprehensive and higher-quality healthcare," said G. Scott Smith, Medical Director of SJHMG. "We consistently work to ensure all our patients receive the best care we can deliver."

An example of this care occurred last year when SJHMG noted that a patient was behind in obtaining her mammogram. The patient was notified, obtained her mammogram and subsequently was diagnosed with breast cancer. "This program has helped to motivate us to do all we need to do to provide great care for all of our patients," said Smith.

SJHMG was among 228 physician groups participating in IHA's Pay for Performance program (P4P).

For more information on St. Joseph Hospital or St. Joseph Heritage Medical Group, please visit [www.sjo.org](http://www.sjo.org) or call (714) 633-9111.

### **About St. Joseph Hospital**

For 77 years, St. Joseph Hospital has been dedicated to continually improving the health and quality of life of the people in the communities they serve. Situated conveniently in central Orange County, St. Joseph Hospital is a 412-bed, not-for-profit, acute care facility that provides comprehensive medical care to the County of Orange and surrounding areas in the state of California. St. Joseph Hospital is a values-based Catholic healthcare provider with a tradition of and commitment to excellence based on the vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. The hospital's strong belief in the intrinsic dignity of each person commits it to being a just employer; to provide healthcare for the whole person, body, mind and spirit; and to collaborate with physicians and other healthcare providers to increase access to quality

healthcare. St. Joseph Hospital can be reached at 714 771-8075 or by visiting [www.sjo.org](http://www.sjo.org).

**About St. Joseph Heritage Medical Group  
(SJHMG)**

SJHMG, located in Orange, has been serving the families of Orange County for more than four decades and specializes in pediatrics, internal medicine and family practice. For more focused care, SJHMG maintains relationships with St. Joseph Hospital specialists. SJHMG services include an Urgent Care Center with evening, weekend and holiday hours, three centrally located offices, an on-site laboratory, x-ray services, mammograms, a diagnostic testing center, health education services and much more. SJHMG is associated with St. Joseph Hospital of Orange and Children's Hospital of Orange County.

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