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PALOMAR MEDICAL CENTER NAMED ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HOSPITALS IN THE U.S.

San Diego, Calif – Palomar Medical Center was named one of "The 20 Most Beautiful Hospitals in the U.S." for 2014 by Soliant Health, a leading specialty health care staffing provider and part of the Adecco Group.

After receiving 5,645 votes, Palomar Medical Center secured the 12th spot on the list, making it the highest ranked hospital in California.

Palomar Health consulted the nation's leading health care futurists to design and construct this award winning hospital that takes full advantage of the positive effects of a beautiful campus.

"Palomar Medical Center resembles a five-star resort which immediately puts patients and families at ease because it does not feel like a hospital," says Gerald Bracht, chief administrative officer of Palomar Medical Center. "The moment a patient or visitor steps into the building, they recognize they have entered a world-class healing environment. This helps lower anxiety and facilitates recovery by reducing stress that often accompanies hospital visits. The beauty of the facility creates a sense of calmness and a variety of evidence-based design features help restore health and improve morale."

Palomar Medical Center is equipped with gardens, terraces, outdoor balconies and natural light on each floor, including a 1.5-acre green roof, to enhance the healing process and bring a sense of comfort.

Patients, visitors and staff are surrounded by natural healing environments that are specifically designed to address their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Combining innovative technology with state-of-the-art healing environments creates the most comfortable patient experience possible. This blend makes Palomar Medical Center an inviting hospital equipped with the tools necessary to be an effective health care delivery system. The hospital was also recently named one of the "30 Most Technologically Advanced Hospitals in the World" by Top Master's in Healthcare.

"The 20 Most Beautiful Hospitals in the U.S." were chosen by Soliant Health through an online voting process, boasting numerous nominations from a variety of states and more than 248,000 voters in the sixth annual contest.

About Palomar Health
Palomar Health is the most comprehensive health care delivery system in northern San Diego County and the first and only California member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. It is the largest public health care district by area in the state, with more than 500,000 residents, and is governed by a publicly-elected board of directors. Palomar Health has several facilities serving North County, including hospitals in Escondido and Poway, expresscare health clinics in Escondido, Rancho Penasquitos, San Elijo Hills and Temecula, and a skilled nursing facility in Poway. The health system provides medical services in virtually all fields of medicine, including primary care, cardiovascular care, emergency services, trauma, cancer, orthopedics, women's health, rehabilitation, robotic surgery and bariatric surgery. For more information about Palomar Health, please visit www.PalomarHealth.org.

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