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Women's Choice Award® Recognizes Hoag for Excellence in Heart Care and Obstetrics

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., January 15, 2018 --- Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian today announced it has been named as one of America's Best Hospitals for Heart Care and Obstetrics by the 2018 <u>Women's Choice Award®</u>. This is the fifth consecutive year (2014 - 2018) that Hoag has received awards in these categories.

"It's an honor to once again be recognized as one of America's Best Hospitals for Heart Care and Obstetrics by the Women's Choice Award," said Robert T. Braithwaite, president and CEO of Hoag. "High quality care is at the core of Hoag's mission and we are proud to have a team of dedicated physicians, nurses and staff that always put our patients first."

This evidence-based designation is the only award that identifies the country's best health care institutions based on robust criteria that consider patient satisfaction and clinical excellence.

The awards signify that Hoag is in the top 9 percent of 4,812 U.S. hospitals offering heart care services and in the top 17 percent of 2,720 U.S. hospitals offering obstetrics.

"This prestigious award gives our patients the confidence that Hoag offers the best in terms of quality care and patient safety," said <u>Allyson Brooks, M.D., Ginny Ueberroth Executive Medical Director Endowed Chair and Chief Quality Officer, Hoag Women's Health Institute</u>. "It speaks volumes that this recognition is based in part on feedback from our female patients. We strive to deliver care to women of all ages and life stages, through a comprehensive array of programs and specialized services."

The America's Best Hospitals scoring process is unique in that it combines national accreditations, Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey results and hospital outcome scores with primary research about women's healthcare preferences.

For more information about the America's Best Hospitals lists, please visit www.womenschoiceaward.com.

ABOUT HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN

Hoag is an approximately \$1 billion nonprofit, regional health care delivery network in Orange County, California, that treats more than 30,000 inpatients and 425,000 outpatients annually. Hoag consists of two acute-care hospitals – Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, which opened in 1952, and Hoag Hospital Irvine, which opened in 2010 – in addition to seven health centers and ten urgent care centers. Hoag is a designated Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Hoag offers a comprehensive blend of health care services that includes five institutes providing specialized services in the following areas: cancer, heart and vascular, neurosciences, women's health, and orthopedics through Hoag's affiliate, Hoag Orthopedic Institute, which consists of an orthopedic hospital and two ambulatory surgical centers. In 2013, Hoag entered into an alliance with St. Joseph Health to further expand health care services in the Orange County community, known as St. Joseph Hoag Health. Hoag has been named one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the 2017 - 2018 U.S. News & World Report, and Becker's Hospital Review named Hoag as one of the 2016 "100 Great Hospitals in America" – a designation Hoag has received four times. For an unprecedented 22 years, residents of Orange County have chosen Hoag as one of the county's best hospitals in a local newspaper survey. Visit www.hoag.org for more information.

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women's Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women's Choice Award was recently honored by the INC 5000 List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2017 for a third consecutive year. Visit http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/ to learn more.