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UMC GARNERS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN SURGICAL CARE, QUALITY

EL PASO, Texas – University Medical Center of El Paso has garnered the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program’s recognition as a meritoriously performing hospital, one of only 88 in the nation to receive this recognition. The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) announced recently (October 2020) that UMC is a meritoriously performing ACS NSQIP hospital. UMC is the largest public hospital on the US / Mexico border and is the only such hospital along the border to receive this recognition.

There are two lists of meritorious hospitals:

1. The All Cases Meritorious List
2. High Risk Meritorious List

UMC achieved a Meritorious score for both cases.

“This recognition and high score attained by our hospital was made possible through the strong and enduring partnership with Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso,” said Jacob Cintron, UMC President & CEO. “Our surgeons from TTP El Paso are among the best in the country because of their dedication, commitment to a high level of excellence and compassion for every patient

who comes through our doors. I am proud of our partnership and share this recognition with these exceptional leaders in healthcare.”

Physicians from TTP El Paso share in the recognition and partnership with UMC.

“This achievement is a reflection of the hard work by everyone involved with providing surgical care at UMC, and it is something we should all be very proud of,” said Alonso Andrade, MD, FACS, TTP El Paso Surgeon, Assistant Professor and Associate Residency Program Director at TTUSHC El Paso’s Department of Surgery, and NSQIP and Surgery Medical Director at University Medical Center of El Paso. “Of course, the hospital’s commitment to foster a culture of patient safety and quality improvement -- from hospital leadership to all the staff involved in patient care from the peri-op area up to the point the patient is discharged—has been instrumental in achieving this recognition. To have a hospital on the U.S.-Mexico border that serves a predominately Hispanic population receive this recognition is wonderful, and it speaks to the excellent work that is being done by everyone at UMC and TTUHSC El Paso.”

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