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Hoag's Cardiothoracic Surgery Team Tops the Nation

*Society of Thoracic Surgery honors Hoag with 3-of-3 Stars,
a designation achieved by fewer than 1.8% of hospitals nationwide*

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., May 14, 2020 --- [Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian](#) has earned the highest distinction possible, a three-star rating, from The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) for two types of surgery, isolated [aortic valve replacement \(AVR\)](#) surgery and for isolated [coronary artery bypass grafting \(CABG\)](#). Fewer than 1.8% of hospitals nationwide receive such high designations, further burnishing Hoag's [Jeffrey M. Carlton Heart and Vascular Institute](#) as an elite institution in the United States.

The STS star rating system is one of the most sophisticated and highly regarded overall measures of quality in health care, rating the benchmarked outcomes of cardiothoracic surgery programs in the United States and Canada. The star rating is calculated using a combination of quality measures for specific procedures performed by an STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database participant.

"We are honored by the national recognition, which echoes the Hoag community's pride in its trusted hospital," said [Robert T. Braithwaite, Hoag president and CEO](#). "Hoag continues to offer the most advanced cardiac care available, and I am proud that our exceptional physicians, nurses, staff and management, continue to be recognized for their excellence."

Hoag's cardiac surgery team is led by [Anthony Caffarelli, M.D.](#), the Newkirk Family Endowed Chair in Aortic Care, director of Hoag Cardiac Surgery and director of the Elaine & Robert Matranga Aortic Center, as well as esteemed cardiac surgery colleagues [Colin Joyo, M.D.](#) and [Asad Shah, M.D.](#), co-director of Hoag Cardiac Surgery.

The prestigious STS distinction comes on the heels of Hoag's recognition as a Blue Distinction® Center for Cardiac Care, as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. Blue Distinction



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Centers are nationally designated healthcare facilities shown to deliver improved patient safety and better health outcomes, based on objective measures that were developed with input from the medical community and leading accreditation and quality organizations.

In addition, the preeminent Jeffrey M. Carlton Heart & Vascular Institute is rated a high performing hospital by [U.S. News & World Report](#) in abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve surgery, heart bypass surgery and heart failure, is designated a Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care as part of Blue Shield's Blue Distinction Specialty Care Program, and a recipient of American Heart Association's *Get with the Guidelines* Heart Failure Gold Plus Award. Hoag's Newport Beach and Irvine campuses are also both designated Cardiovascular Receiving Centers (CVRC) by the Orange County Emergency Medical Services.

"Hoag's culture of excellence is reflected in the national and regional recognition our cardiac teams receive, as well as in our community's support," Braithwaite said. "We are an integral part of the lives of Orange County residents, and we are honored to continue to serve our community and to make them proud."

ABOUT HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN

Hoag is a nonprofit, regional health care delivery network in Orange County, California, that treats more than 30,000 inpatients and 480,000 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 nine health centers and 13 urgent care centers. Hoag has invested \$261 million in programs and services to support the underserved community within the past five years, including areas like mental health, homelessness, transportation for seniors, education, and support for single mothers. 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 four ambulatory surgical centers. Hoag has been named one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the 2019 - 2020 *U.S. News & World Report*. For an unprecedented 23 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.

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