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**VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL RECEIVES 2016 WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®**  
*Recognized as one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety*

**VAN NUYS, Calif.** – Valley Presbyterian Hospital has received the 2016 [Women's Choice Award®](#) as one of [America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety](#). This evidence-based designation is the only patient safety award that identifies the country's best health care institutions based on robust criteria that considers female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence.

“Valley Presbyterian Hospital is proud to be recognized as one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety by the Women's Choice Award®,” said Gustavo Valdespino, President & CEO of Valley Presbyterian Hospital. “This prestigious award validates our commitment to high-quality care and excellent service for the thousands of individuals and families we serve each year.”

The list of over 472 award winners, including Valley Presbyterian Hospital, represents hospitals that have exceptional performance in limiting a wide range of hospital-associated infections and complications from surgery and medical treatment.

Hospitals that have earned this award have had a low incidence of problems arising from surgical errors and infections. The hospitals that report their frequency to The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are ranked for each of the following 11 measures:

1. Deaths among patients with serious treatable complications after surgery,
2. Collapsed lung due to medical treatment,
3. Serious blood clots after surgery,
4. A wound that splits open after surgery on the abdomen or pelvis,
5. Accidental cuts and tears from medical treatment,
6. Serious complications,
7. Central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI),
8. Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI),
9. Surgical Site Infection from colon surgery (SSI: Colon),

10. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) blood laboratory-identified events (bloodstream infections), and
11. Clostridium difficile (C.diff.) laboratory-identified events (intestinal infections).

Hospitals can be eliminated from consideration for the following reasons:

- Not reporting on at least four of the surgical complication measures (1-6) or four of the infection measures (7-11),
- Having a patient recommendation rating in the bottom 25% nationally,
- Receiving a CMS rating of “Worse than the U.S. National Rate” for any of the above measures
- Not implementing Safe Surgery Checklists.

For the remaining hospitals, the Women’s Choice Award (WCA) averaged their rankings for all the measures (weighted slightly toward surgical errors as a result of the WCA’s women’s survey) and cut off the award list only including those that averaged in the top half nationally.

“We honor Valley Presbyterian Hospital for being named and recognized as a hospital of choice among women, for it represents the strongest and most important consumer message in today’s healthcare marketplace when considering that women account for 90% of all healthcare decisions. Improving patient safety is not only a matter of error prevention, it’s a focused effort to create the safest patient experience.” said Delia Passi, Founder and CEO of the Women’s Choice Award.

For more information on the 2016 America’s Best Hospitals for Patient Safety visit  
<http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/healthcare/>

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#### **ABOUT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL**

Valley Presbyterian Hospital (VPH) is an independent, nonprofit and nonsectarian hospital serving the medical needs of the San Fernando Valley community for more than 50 years. VPH has grown to become one of the largest acute-care hospitals in the region and continues to provide patient-centered care for a healthy community. The 350-bed facility offers advanced technology and a full range of medical services to improve and save lives. For more information, visit [www.valleypres.org](http://www.valleypres.org).

#### **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 as #1088 on the *INC 5000 List of America’s Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2015*, as well as selected from more than 500 nominees for *Florida Companies to Watch* in 2015, a statewide program managed by GrowFL which celebrates the Florida’s top second stage companies. Visit [www.womenschoiceaward.com](http://www.womenschoiceaward.com) to learn more.

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