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UMC Recognized For Achieving Meritorious Outcomes for Surgical Patient Care

EL PASO, Texas – University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC) has been deemed meritorious in outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures by The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®).

The ACS NSQIP recognition program commends a select group of hospitals for achieving a meritorious composite score in either an “All Cases” category or in a “High Risk” case category, both of which UMC received recognition for using data from 2022.

“This is a great indicator of the quality we provide for our surgical patients,” said Dr. Alan H. Tyroch, Professor & Founding Chair of Surgery, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Chief of Surgery & Trauma Medical Director at University Medical Center of El Paso. “Dr. Alonso Andrade (Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso and Surgical Medical Director at UMC) is our NSQIP champion; and he makes sure that all data regarding surgeries is reviewed with the surgical team. This ensures we are always staying at peak performance levels in caring for our patients. This really is a team effort between physicians, anesthesiologists, nurses, techs, and specialists from both UMC and Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso.”

Nationwide, 78 hospitals received this distinction, of which, UMC has been among 33 hospitals to receive the distinction for two or more consecutive years.

“A distinction like this requires a lot of hard work and dedication. When patients choose UMC, they are choosing an institution that is committed to quality surgical care from high-class physicians and staff,” said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, El Paso County Hospital District. “Only four Texas hospitals, to include UMC, received this recognition in two categories. This, once again, demonstrates how UMC is leading the way in providing patients with exceptional healthcare services and expertise in our region.”

The goal of ACS NSQIP is to reduce surgical morbidity (infection or illness related to a surgical procedure) and surgical mortality (death related to a surgical procedure) and to provide a firm foundation for surgeons to apply what is known as the “best scientific evidence” to the practice of surgery.

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About ACS: The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and improve the quality of care for all surgical patients. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have significantly influenced the course of scientific surgery in America and have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has approximately 90,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. "FACS" designates that a surgeon is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

About UMC: For 108 years, University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC) has been providing exceptional, high quality care for the entire El Paso region. UMC is home to the region’s only Level I Trauma Center, the only Comprehensive Level I Stroke Center, and the only Level IV Maternal Critical Care Center. UMC’s mission is to Heal, to Serve and to Educate. For more UMC News, go to: <http://www.umcelpaso.org> (News Releases at bottom of main page.)

About Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso: TTUHSC El Paso is the only health sciences center on the U.S.-Mexico border and serves 108 counties in West Texas that have been historically underserved. It’s a designated Title V Hispanic-Serving Institution, preparing the next generation of health care heroes, 48% of whom identify as Hispanic and are often first-generation students.

Established as an independent university in the Texas Tech University System in 2013, TTUHSC El Paso is celebrating 10 years as a proudly diverse and uniquely innovative destination for education and research. According to a 2022 analysis, TTUHSC El Paso contributes \$634.4 million annually to our Borderplex region’s economy.

With a mission of eliminating health care barriers and creating life-changing educational opportunities for Borderplex residents, TTUHSC El Paso has graduated over 2,000 doctors, nurses and researchers over the past decade, and will add dentists to its alumni beginning in 2025. For more information, visit ttuhscepimpact.org.