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## **UMC Once Again Recognized For Achieving Meritorious Outcomes For Surgical Patient Care**

**EL PASO, Texas** – University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC) has once again 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 based on data from 2023.

“When you look at the list of hospitals that participate in this, there are 676 from the U.S. and Canada, so to be recognized as part of the top ten percent is a really big deal,” said Dr. Alonso Andrade, surgeon at Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso and Surgical Medical Director at UMC. “As someone who grew up in El Paso, it is important to know that our Hospital District provides this level of care for all El Pasoans.”

Nationwide, 77 hospitals received this meritorious distinction, of which, UMC is among 32 hospitals to receive the distinction for two or more consecutive years and among 43 hospitals who were recognized for meritorious outcomes in both categories.

“For a fourth year in a row, we are proud to be recognized for our commitment to our patients. This achievement demonstrates the superior care our staff provides on a consistent basis. When patients choose UMC, they are choosing an institution that is committed to exceptional surgical care from high-quality physicians and staff,” said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, El Paso County Hospital District.

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 109 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.)