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**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NAMED A 2007 *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT*
“BEST HOSPITAL”**

DOWNEY, Calif. —August 2, 2007—Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has been named to the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* “America’s Best Hospitals” list.

The world-renowned facility was the only rehabilitation hospital in California or its neighboring states to be named to the Top 20 in the annual survey. Although 5,462 hospitals were evaluated by *U.S. News*, only 173 were ranked on this year’s list.

Rancho, one of five hospitals in the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) family, has been ranked one of America’s best hospitals each year since the inception of the *U.S. News* survey in 1990.

“Less than 3% of U.S. hospitals are ranked on the *U.S. News* list each year,” said Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Director Bruce Chernof, M.D. “We are proud that Rancho has again earned this prestigious distinction for clinical excellence from its colleagues across the nation.”

“This recognition underscores the dedication and excellence of Rancho’s patient care,” said Rancho acting CEO Jorge Orozco. “I salute each and every Rancho team member for the effort they put forth each day to assure our patients receive world-class care.”

Rancho offers a full spectrum of both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. The hospital has been a leader in advancing rehabilitation medicine for more than half a century. Rancho serves an average daily inpatient census of 147 persons and experiences approximately 57,000 outpatient visits annually. The hospital is also renowned for its tradition of research leadership. This year, approximately \$9 million in research will be conducted at Rancho.