

St. Bernardine's ranked tops in orthopedic care by survey

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St. Bernardine Medical Center landed on the top of a list for orthopedic care in California in a health industry survey released Monday.

The study, which analyzed patient outcomes in almost all of the nation's 5,000 hospitals through 2004, 2005 and 2006, found that St. Bernardine ranked in the top 5 percent for overall orthopedic services and joint replacement, according to HealthGrades, a consumer in-

formation group that compares health care.

St. Bernardine received the top five-star rating in five categories: joint replacement, spine surgery, total knee replacement, total hip replacement and hip fracture repair.

The ratings were released as HealthGrades 10th annual study of hospital quality. The study can be viewed at www.healthgrades.com

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