HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NEWS RELEASE

Huntington Memorial Hospital Included in U.S. News & World Report's National Rankings
Rated as the Number Four Hospital in Los Angeles and Number Eight in California

Pasadena CA July 17, 2012 -- Huntington Memorial Hospital has been ranked among the top hospitals in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. The hospital received the ranking in the orthopedics and urology specialties, and is considered the 18th best hospital in the nation for orthopedics. Huntington Hospital was also named the number four hospital in Los Angeles and ranked as the eighth "Best Hospital" in California.

This year's Best Hospitals, the 23rd annual edition, showcases more than 720 of the nation's roughly 5,000 hospitals. Fewer than 150 are nationally ranked in at least one of 16 medical specialties. U.S. News created the Best Hospitals ranking system to identify hospitals exceptionally skilled in handling the most difficult cases, including delicate neurosurgeries.

"Pursuing excellence in patient care is what we do every day at Huntington Hospital and it's an honor to have the hard work of our medical and nursing staffs – as well as all of our employees – recognized in this way," said Stephen A. Ralph, Huntington Hospital president and CEO. "The national ranking further underscores what our nurses accomplished by earning Magnet status, and I am extremely proud to share this good news with our community and board of directors."

In addition to its national rankings in orthopedics and urology, Huntington Hospital was noted to be "high performing" in cancer care; diabetes and endocrinology; ear, nose and throat; gastroenterology; geriatrics; gynecology; nephrology; neurology and neurosurgery and pulmonology.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings help patients and their families find superior hospitals in their regions and beyond. "All of these hospitals are the kinds of medical centers that should be on your list when you need the best care," said Avery Comarow, U.S. News health rankings editor. "They are where other hospitals send the toughest cases."

The 2012-13 rankings will appear in the U.S. News *Best Hospitals 2013* guidebook, to go on sale in August. The complete rankings and methodology are available at http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals.

Huntington Memorial Hospital is a 625-bed not-for-profit hospital that is home to the only Level II Trauma Center in the San Gabriel Valley. In addition to being granted Magnet® status in 2011, Huntington Hospital was named a Best Hospital (regional) by U.S. News & World Report. Renowned for its programs in neurosciences, cardiovascular services and cancer care, Huntington Hospital is an active teaching hospital with Graduate Medical Education programs in internal medicine and general surgery. Huntington Hospital has a regional neonatal intensive care unit, treating babies with the highest acuity. For 120 years, Huntington Hospital has been

committed to serving its community with excellence, compassion and respect. Consistent with its mission, the hospital provides millions of dollars annually in charity care, benefits for vulnerable populations, health research, education and training and support programs that may otherwise be absent from the community. These programs include geriatric psychiatric services, children's asthma management and diabetes workshops in English and Spanish.

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