

Queen of the Valley wins honors

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Queen of the Valley Medical Center has received two Women's Choice Awards for excellence in patient experience.

Also, Blue Shield of California has named Queen of the Valley Medical Center as a "Blue Distinction Center" for knee and hip replacement, as well as spine surgery.

For 2013, Queen of the Valley was named by "WomenCertified" as one of America's best hospitals for patient experience in orthopedics, as well as one of the country's best hospitals in obstetrics.

The Women's Choice Award indicates that a hospital meets high standards regarding women's preferences. Hospitals qualify for this list based on data reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The selection process identifies those hospitals that provide comprehensive services, and that meet criteria for patient satisfaction and surgical excellence based on female needs and preferences.

The Blue Distinction Centers for Specialty Care program is a national designation awarded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies to medical facilities that have demonstrated expertise in delivering quality specialty care.

"This designation is a tribute to the dedicated team of physicians, nurses, technicians and therapists who helped develop Queen of the Valley's comprehensive programs in spine surgery and knee and hip replacement, said Walt Mickens, president and CEO of Queen of the Valley, in a press release. "Their clinical expertise in this area of specialty care has resulted in better overall results for our patients."