

# Walla Walla General Hospital nets national awards

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Walla Walla General Hospital has been recognized with four national awards for its quality of care and patient satisfaction.

The recognition comes from national quality ratings organizations.

“This level of recognition does not happen by accident,” Walla Walla General President and CEO Monty Knittel said in a prepared statement. “It is through our intentional hard work and dedication to quality standards that serve as a testament to the care provided in our hospital. It is our priority goal to ensure the highest quality of care possible is provided throughout our patients’ stay and treatment.”

The awards received include were:

- Healthgrades 5-Star Rating for Heart Attack, 2014-2016: This is the third year the hospital has received the award that demonstrates exceeding national averages for statistically better-than-expected patient outcomes.
- Women’s Choice Award - America’s Best Hospitals for Obstetrics, 2015: For this award, organizations are measured against the needs and preferences of women for treatment and quality patient care and satisfaction. Recipients are ranked in the top 15 percent of eligible hospitals from reported performance outcomes.
- American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline - Silver Referring Quality Achievement Award, 2015: This award recognizes the closure of the gap that separates STEMI patients from timely access to appropriate treatment. It includes prompt diagnosis and transfer to hospitals that provide artery-opening procedures. In 2014, the hospital received the Bronze Referring Award.
- Collaborative Alliance for Nursing Outcomes - Performance Excellence in Preventing Injury Falls and Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers (HAPU Stage II+), 2014-2015: This award demonstrates a long and consistent track record of commitment to safe patient care by nursing staff. Through consistency, monitoring and measuring of nursing-specific quality measures, hospitals in this registry seek to deliver the highest standard of care in the communities they serve.