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# HOSPITALS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR SAVING AND IMPROVING LIVES

## 10 Local Hospitals Awarded

PLEASANTON, CA .– OCT, 6, 2011– The **California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN)**, the federally-designated organ and tissue recovery agency for northern and central California and northern Nevada, has awarded 10 hospitals for their extraordinary effort to extend and improve life through organ and tissue donation.

Awards were presented at “The Power of One, Organ and Tissue Donation Symposium” – a day-long event Oct. 6 which drew more than 350 medical professionals to strengthen the partnerships between CTDN and those who work at hospitals, like doctors and nurses to social workers, to save and improve lives through donation.

“The California Transplant Donor Network is recognizing health partners who have improved and extended lives through organ and tissue transplantation by achieving and maintaining national goals for donation,” said **Allen Ward**, CTDN Manager of Hospital Services, who presented the awards with **Art Sponseller**, president of the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California.

Honored hospitals exceed at least one of three standards for excellence in donation set by the federal government.

### Gold Award

**Renown Regional Medical Center** of Reno, Nev. exceeded the national standards for conversion rate ( more than 75%), organs transplanted per donor (more than 3.75) and the Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD) rate of more than 10%. A conversion rate is a number reflecting how many referrals became organ donors. Donation after Cardiac Death involves patients who have a non-survivable injury or illness causing neurological devastation though the patient is not brain dead.

### Silver Award

**UCSF Medical Center**, San Francisco, **San Francisco General Hospital**, San Francisco; **Stanford Hospital and Clinics**, Palo Alto and **John Muir Medical Center Concord**. In addition to exceeding the conversion rate standard, each either had a rate of organs transplanted per donor of greater than 3.75, or a DCD percentage of greater than 10%.

### Bronze Award

**Saint Agnes Medical Center** of Fresno and **California Pacific Medical Center (Pacific Campus)**, for exceeding one or more national goals for organ and tissue donors. The two facilities had a conversion rate of greater than 75%.

### Special Award for Tissue Donation

**Tulare Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph's Medical Center** of Stockton and **California Pacific Medical Center (Pacific Campus)**, San Francisco, were honored for timely referral of cases to CTDN for tissue donation from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Referrals to CTDN by hospitals are made when a patient has a non-survivable illness or injury.

### Most Improved Award

**Community Regional Medical Center** in Fresno was honored as "Most Improved Combined Collaborative Criteria for Donation."

"Because of the great work done by these partner hospitals, thousands of people who wait for a lifesaving or life enhancing transplant have greater hope today," said Ward.

Each medical facility is part of a network of 175 working with CTDN to support organ and tissue donation. At present, more than 112,000 people are on a national waiting list for an organ (more than 21,000 in California alone). Each person who registers and later becomes a donor can save up to eight lives and provide tissue to improve more than 50 lives.

#### **Details:**

The **California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN)** saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. CTDN helps 175 hospitals in 41 Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada counties offer the option of organ and tissue donation to families whose loved ones have died, coordinates deceased organ recovery and placement, and provides public education with the hope that every resident will become a donor. It is federally designated as this region's organ recovery organization. For more information, visit [www.ctdn.org](http://www.ctdn.org) or call 1-888-570-9400.

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