

Doctors Medical Center San Pablo collects accolade

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Doctors Medical Center San Pablo has collected the Gold Seal of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the hospital announced this week. The independent nonprofit organization promulgates and upholds national standards for health care.

"The accreditation of Doctors Medical Center highlights the fact that we are committed to meeting high standards of excellence in quality care," Deborah Campbell, chairwoman of the board of the West Contra Costa Healthcare District, which owns and operates the community hospital, said in a news release.

"Doctors Medical Center is creating new benchmarks for quality health care in a very short period under the management of a new executive team," said Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, who also is chairman of the board of the Doctors Medical Center Management Authority, a joint powers agency of the county and the health care district.

Commission officials conducted an unannounced, on-site evaluation of the hospital from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, according to the news release; the accreditation is valid for 39 months.

Other East Bay hospitals accredited with the Joint Commission's Gold Seal include John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Berkeley and Kaiser Foundation hospitals of Oakland and Richmond.

The Joint Commission was formed in 1951 by the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Physicians, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association and the Canadian Medical Association.