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## **Hill Physicians Again Named One of California's Top Performing Medical Groups**

### ***Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) Announces Pay for Performance Results and Award Winners***

**San Ramon, CA (October 2, 2008)** — The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) announced the pay for performance (P4P) program results and performance award winners. Two hundred and thirty physician groups participate in California's pay for performance program. Only the top twenty percent receive IHA recognition for best overall performance on health care quality measures, patient satisfaction, and the use of information technology to support improved clinical results. Hill Physicians Medical Group's East Bay Region was named among the top performing physicians group for the fifth straight year.

Hill Physicians Medical Group scored highly in each of the factors used to determine the top performing medical groups. The measures used include clinical quality measures such as cancer screenings, immunizations, and diabetes care. Survey results reporting timely patient access to care and doctor-patient communications are also factored in as is the use of health information technology that includes supporting clinical decision making and use of systems to assure patients receive evidence-based care.

Hill Physicians' CEO Steve McDermott was one of the architects of California's P4P program. "It is rewarding to see that the IHA pay for performance program is so widely embraced by the health plans and physician groups," said McDermott. "Each year the gap between the best groups and those striving to improve overall performance has diminished, showing that groups are sharing and adopting best practices in support of continually improving patient care."

The IHA reports that California's P4P efforts is the largest physician incentive program in the United States, involving 35,000 physicians caring for more than 11 million individuals. In 2007 Hill Physicians earned \$4.6 million in pay for performance financial awards from the seven partnering health plans – Aetna, Blue Cross, Blue Shield of California, CIGNA HealthCare, Health Net of California, Western Health Advantage, and UnitedHealthcare. Hill Physicians in turn distributed \$33 million in performance-based compensation to its physicians for individual and group clinical performance, adoption of technology, and other measures.

### **About Hill Physicians Medical Group**

Hill Physicians Medical Group is one of the nation's largest Independent Medical Groups (IPA's) and a recognized leader in innovative managed health care. The company offers access to 3,000 physicians and other care providers in 1,600 locations, and serves over 312,000 people in Northern California, ranging from San Francisco to Sacramento and south to the San Joaquin valley. Committed to supporting healthy lifestyles, Hill Physicians offers extensive health education services to its patients, including wellness classes, health screenings, and self-help through its online health information portal. For more information, visit [www.hillphysicians.com](http://www.hillphysicians.com).