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PeaceHealth’s Oregon Rehabilitation Center receives national recognition

EUGENE, Ore. – *Newsweek* ranked Oregon Rehabilitation Center at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center, University District among America’s Best Physical Rehabilitation Centers 2023.

The award recognized 280 leading inpatient rehabilitation facilities in 25 states and four regions. Oregon Rehabilitation Center ranked in the top 5 for the West region.

This high honor reflects the staff’s dedication to patient-centered compassionate care and their commitment to improving patients’ lives and supporting successful transitions back to the community after illness or injury.

“We are so pleased to continue to offer these crucial services without interruption as the Oregon Rehabilitation Center relocates to PeaceHealth’s RiverBend hospital in Springfield,” said Alicia Beymer, chief administrative officer for PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center, University District and PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center.

The center will operate temporarily at RiverBend until the state-of-the-art, 50-bed [rehabilitation hospital](https://www.thecaregiver.org/content/peacehealth-lifepoint-health-announce-new-riverbend-annex-facility/) PeaceHealth is developing with Lifepoint Health opens in 2026.

“This exciting venture will create opportunities to expand on the already remarkable work our rehabilitation team delivers,” Beymer said.

*Newsweek* considered data from online surveys, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) and accreditation organizations to score the facilities based on numerous factors, including:

* Reputation: A measure of the quality of care, service, follow-up care and amenities and accommodations
* Quality: Metrics data published by CMS
* Accreditation: Oregon Rehabilitation Center has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities since 1985.
* Innovation: Availability of model systems or specialized programs of care in the areas of spinal cord injury traumatic brain injury and burn injury.

About PeaceHealth: PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, a medical group practice with more than 1,100 providers and 10 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. The Sisters shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for healthcare in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its Mission. Visit us online at [peacehealth.org](http://www.peacehealth.org).

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