

US News & World Report Names Four Avalon Health Care Facilities Among Best in the Country

Salt Lake City, UT – November 14, 2023 – Four facilities operated by Avalon Health Care have been acknowledged as some of the "Best Nursing Homes for 2024" by U.S. News & World Report. Among the care centers that merited the rating of "High-Performing" in the categories of Long-Term Care, Short-Term Rehabilitation, or both, are:

- Avalon Care Center at Northpointe – Spokane, WA
- George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home – Ogden, UT
- Southern Utah Veterans Home – Ivins, UT
- William E. Christoffersen Salt Lake Veterans Home – Salt Lake City, UT

“We are honored to have these care centers recognized by U.S. News & World Report as some of the nation’s best nursing homes,” said Nicole Smith, Chief Nursing Officer at Avalon Health Care Group. “This recognition underscores our commitment to providing exceptional care and fostering an environment where our residents can thrive.”

U.S. News gives the designation of Best Nursing Home only to those that satisfy U.S. News’ assessment of consistent performance in quality measures.

For the 2024 edition, U.S. News rated more than 15,000 nursing homes on patient and resident outcomes, such as infection rates; staffing levels; potentially inappropriate reliance on antipsychotic drugs; health inspection results and other indicators of quality.

“U.S. News’ Best Nursing Homes ratings give patients, senior residents, their families and caregivers an objective assessment of quality, to help them choose the facility that best fits their individual needs,” said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis and managing editor at U.S. News. “Nursing homes that have earned the recognition of U.S. News have a track record of achieving better outcomes for patients and residents, and maximizing the amount of care they receive from nurses and other staff.”

To calculate the Best Nursing Homes ratings, U.S. News evaluated each nursing home’s performance using a variety of quality measures obtained from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The U.S. News methodology factors data such as resident care, safety, and outcomes. Both short- and long-term ratings include data on nurse staffing, use of antipsychotic drugs and success in preventing ER and hospital visits. The long-term care rating also includes measures of whether a home changed ownership and how well they were staffed on weekends. For more information, visit Best Nursing Homes and use #BestNursingHomes on Facebook and X (formally Twitter).

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Avalon Health Care is a premier provider of post-acute care and rehabilitation. Our 30-year care legacy is based on personal integrity and commitment to provide compassionate, responsible, quality services to the communities we serve. We strive to provide industry-leading care in a patient-centered environment. To learn more about Avalon Health Care, visit www.avalonhealthcare.com.

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