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## **Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers Named Best for Maternity Care**

**Newsweek Magazine’s “Best Maternity Care Hospitals 2021” Recognizes  
Fontana and Ontario for Exceptional Care to Mothers, Babies and Families**

**FONTANA, February 24, 2021** – The Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers are among 20 Kaiser Permanente hospitals recognized among the “Best Maternity Care Hospitals 2021” by Newsweek magazine.

In a partnership with The Leapfrog Group, Newsweek recognized 20 Kaiser Permanente hospitals – 12 in Northern California and 8 in Southern California – for earning top marks for providing safe, high-quality care to moms and their new babies. These Kaiser Permanente hospitals met Leapfrog’s rigorous standards for excellence in maternity care — including low rates of C-section, episiotomy (an incision to enlarge the vaginal opening for childbirth), and elective early delivery.

“This designation demonstrates Kaiser Permanente’s ongoing commitment to putting patient safety at the forefront of all we do,” said Georgina Garcia, Senior Vice President and Area Manager, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals/Health Plan, San Bernardino County Area. “We are thrilled to see our Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers recognized among the best maternity care hospitals.”

“Receiving this recognition is a testament to the daily commitment of our physicians and staff who remain vigilant and dedicated to best safety practices,” said Dr. Timothy Jenkins, Area Medical Director and Chief of Staff. “As always, it is the total health of our members and patients that inspires us to be a world class medical center.”

The elite designation was awarded to only 217 hospitals in the United States and 34 in California. Kaiser Permanente hospitals represent nearly 10% of those named to the prestigious list nationwide — and nearly 60% of those listed in California.

In addition to the Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers, the Kaiser Permanente medical centers that received the Best Maternity Care Hospitals 2021 designation include Antioch, Baldwin Park, Downey, Los Angeles, Modesto, Panorama City, Redwood City, Roseville, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Clara, Santa Rosa, South Sacramento, Vacaville, Vallejo, Walnut Creek, and West Los Angeles.

Kaiser Permanente has always been [ahead of its time](#) when it comes to maternity care and childbirth. Innovative thinking, [dedicated research](#), and expert physicians and care teams have enabled Kaiser Permanente to build and maintain its reputation for exceptional maternal and child care. In 2020, 113,000 babies were delivered at Kaiser Permanente hospitals.

In addition to meeting safety protocols, all honored hospitals must have earned either an A or B or no grade on the [Fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#). The Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers earned an A grade. For more detail on methodology and a complete list of designated maternity care programs, visit Newsweek's [Best Maternity Hospitals 2021](#).

#### **About Kaiser Permanente**

Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans. Founded in 1945, Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve 12.4 million members in 8 states and the District of Columbia. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal Permanente Medical Group physicians, specialists, and team of caregivers. Our expert and caring medical teams are empowered and supported by industry-leading technology advances and tools for health promotion, disease prevention, state-of-the-art care delivery, and world-class chronic disease management. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education, and the support of community health.

Kaiser Permanente's San Bernardino County Area has provided comprehensive, affordable health care to the Inland Empire for more than 75 years and serves more than 630,000 members. The San Bernardino County Service Area includes the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Fontana and Ontario, and medical offices in Fontana, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Colton, Claremont, Montclair, Chino, San Bernardino, Hesperia, Victorville, Redlands and Upland.

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