

## National Jewish Named Best Respiratory Hospital in the Nation for Eighth Consecutive Year

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DENVER — For the eighth consecutive year, National Jewish Medical and Research Center has been named the #1 respiratory hospital in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. The ranking is part of the 2005 “America’s Best Hospitals” guide published by the weekly newsmagazine. As part of the ranking, hundreds of board-certified pulmonologists around the country mentioned National Jewish more often than any other hospital when asked to name the best respiratory hospitals in the nation.

“Even in our eighth year, it is still a tremendous delight to receive this award,” said Lynn Taussig, MD, CEO and President of National Jewish. “We continually strive to improve our understanding and treatment of respiratory, allergic and immune-system diseases. This top ranking by *U.S. News* provides a much-appreciated recognition that we are succeeding.”

National Jewish is the only medical and research center in the United States devoted entirely to respiratory, allergic and immune-system diseases, including asthma, tuberculosis, emphysema, severe allergies, cystic fibrosis, lupus and other autoimmune diseases.

National Jewish physician/researchers participate in numerous National Institutes of Health studies that evaluate new and existing treatments for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, allergies and other diseases. They also serve on several NIH advisory boards that write guidelines for treatment of respiratory and allergic diseases. National Jewish’s basic research program has also been ranked among the world’s best.

*U.S. News* ranked hospitals’ respiratory programs based on their reputations among board-certified pulmonologists, as well as on mortality rates and care-related factors, such as nursing and patient services.

National Jewish had the highest reputational score among all the respiratory hospitals evaluated. Allergy and immunology programs are not ranked by the newsmagazine.

The *U.S. News* hospital rankings appear in the July 18, 2005, edition of *U.S. News & World Report*, which hits newsstands July 11. The rankings are also available on the website, [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).

**National Jewish Health** is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 121 years ago as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health today is the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to groundbreaking medical research and treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders. Patients and families come to National Jewish Health from around the world to receive cutting-edge, comprehensive, coordinated care. To learn more, visit the media resources page.

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