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*Renown Regional Recognized for Joint Replacement by The Joint Commission*

**RENO, Nev. (May 19, 2015)** – Renown Regional Medical Center has earned [The Joint Commission's](#) Gold Seal of Approval® for its management of Joint Replacement – Hip and Knee. The certification award recognizes a program's ability to meet or exceed The Joint Commission's rigorous standards for health care quality and safety.



Under the leadership of Eric Boyden, M.D., medical director for the Total Joint Program, Renown performed 787 total joint replacements in 2014. Reno resident [Rock Jarzynka](#), one of the more than seven million Americans living with artificial knees or hips, underwent his double knee replacement through [Renown's Total Joint Program](#).

“Once I decided to have the surgery, I did the full program,” said Jarzynka. “I followed all of the exercises, and talking to the people at the program, including Dr. Boyden, I was completely at ease. I knew I would be treated by the best.” Jarzynka, a 74-year-old retired pharmacist who has lived in Reno since 2000, is now back to doing what he loves – being a baseball umpire. “I feel better now than I did when I was in college.”

“At Renown, we are committed to helping patients through their entire joint replacement journey — everything from preparation and education before surgery to rehabilitation and physical therapy for a full recovery,” said Greg Boyer, CEO of acute services. Joint Commission certification is a voluntary process and a commitment by Renown to demonstrate the highest level of care for patients with orthopedic needs.

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### About Renown Health

Renown Health is a locally governed and locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving a 17-county region comprised of northern Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. Renown is one of the region's largest private employers with a workforce of more than 5,600. It comprises three acute care hospitals, a rehabilitation hospital, skilled nursing facility, the area's most comprehensive medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest and only locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown has a long tradition of being the first in the region to successfully perform leading-edge medical procedures. For more information, visit [renown.org](http://renown.org).

### About the Joint Commission

Founded in 1951, [The Joint Commission](#) seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 20,500 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including hospitals and health care organizations that provide ambulatory and office-based surgery, behavioral health, home care, laboratory and nursing home services. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).