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**AMERICA'S TOP DOCTORS® FOR CANCER RECOGNIZES NEAL SLATKIN, MD**  
*Hospice of the Valley, San Jose CA Chief Medical Officer Acknowledged by His Peers  
for His Expertise in Cancer and Pain Medicine*

**San Jose CA** – Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider in advancing palliative end-of-life care and grief support in California, announced that Chief Medical Officer Neal E. Slatkin, MD, DABPM, has been nationally recognized again by Castle Connolly as one of America's Top Doctors in Cancer, in recognition of his work in the diagnosis and treatment of cancers in adults and children, in their 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of *America's Top Doctors*, a trusted source for identifying Top Doctors in America. Dr. Slatkin was selected based upon nominations by his peers and reviewed by Castle Connolly's physician-directed research team. For four consecutive years: 2007, 2008, 2009 and now 2010, Dr. Slatkin has been named Top Cancer Doctor for his work in cancer; additionally, he was named Top Doctor in Pain Medicine in 2007 and in 2010.

Castle Connolly annually surveys thousands of physicians and other healthcare professionals and asks them to identify excellent doctors in every specialty in their region and throughout the nation. In addition to mail and online surveys, their physician-led research team makes thousands of phone calls each year, talking with leading specialists, chairs of clinical departments and vice presidents of medical affairs, seeking to identify top specialists.

As a result, physicians identified through the Castle Connolly extensive research process are clearly among the very best and are recognized by their peers for their excellence in providing care in their medical specialties.

"We're extremely proud of Dr. Slatkin's national recognition of his work with cancer patients for the past four years, as well as his work in pain medicine," said Sally Adelus, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hospice of the Valley. "This well-deserved recognition continues to validate Dr. Slatkin's exemplary work in the emerging field of palliative care."

"Dr. Slatkin's consecutive recognition as one of the nation's Top Doctors in Cancer and Pain Medicine is to be commended," added George Block, MD, Chief Medical Officer of O'Connor Hospital and Board Member of Hospice of the Valley Board of Directors. "Dr. Slatkin's excellence and expertise in cancer and palliative care is truly a valued asset to the medical community, as well as to the community-at-large."

"I'm pleased to be recognized by my peers as one of America's Top Doctors in Cancer and Pain Medicine," said Neal Slatkin, MD, DABPM, Chief Medical Officer of Hospice of the Valley. "I'm equally honored to be among the nation's most outstanding physicians for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer in adults and children."

**About Castle Connolly**

Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. is America's trusted source for identifying top doctors. Founded in 1991 by John K. Castle, (Chairman) and John J. Connolly, Ed.D. (President and CEO), who served as board chairman, and president and CEO of New York Medical College, respectively, its mission is to help consumers find the best healthcare. For information, visit [castleconnolly.com](http://castleconnolly.com)

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**About Hospice of the Valley**

Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider and educator in advancing palliative end-of-life and community grief-care, affirms dignity and hope for those facing serious illness. Hospice of the Valley's team, experts in palliative, hospice and grief care, is comprised of physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, hospice aides, grief counselors, and volunteers who assist patients, their caregivers and families in their end-of-life care and goals. Founded in 1979, Hospice of the Valley is the first not-for-profit hospice and grief care organization to serve the community of Santa Clara County. Hospice of the Valley's Community Grief and Counseling Center provides individual and loss specific group grief care and is available to anyone experiencing a loss. A Children's Grief Counseling program specializes in age-appropriate counseling for children and teenagers from ages 4 through 18. The *Transitions Program*, a volunteer-based community service sponsored by Hospice of the Valley and funded by community grants and donations, is designed to enhance the quality of life for individuals and their families facing advanced-illness through emotional support, education, and practical assistance. Additionally, Hospice of the Valley sponsors a community resource website—[seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty](http://seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty)—for caregivers and families who are caring for someone with serious illness. Hospice of the Valley, a member of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, is licensed by the State of California and is Medicare and Medi-Cal certified. Services are covered by Medicare, Medi-Cal and most private insurance plans. Hospice of the Valley is committed to serving its diverse communities and honors all cultures, beliefs, values, and traditions, and provides equitable access to care for all patients and families—regardless of their financial ability. For information, call 408.559.5600 or visit [hospicevalley.org](http://hospicevalley.org).

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