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### **SANSUM CLINIC AWARDED *ELITE* STATUS BY AMERICA'S PHYSICIAN GROUPS**

**Sept. 5, 2019 (Santa Barbara, CA)** Sansum Clinic, the largest independent nonprofit healthcare organization between the Los Angeles Basin and the San Francisco Bay area, announced today the achievement of 'Elite Status' from **America's Physician Groups (APG)**-the organization's highest ranking-as part of its Standards of Excellence™ Survey 2019. This is the eighth year that APG has awarded this honor to Sansum Clinic. *"We are proud to be recognized for strong performance in these key components of healthcare delivery,"* remarked Kurt Ransohoff, MD, FACP Sansum Clinic CEO and former chair of the APG Board of Directors. *"We have worked hard to put initiatives in place that improve the health of our populations and enhance the patient experience, while maintaining a focus on efficiency."*

America's Physician Groups (APG) is the leading association in the country representing over 300 medical groups, independent practice associations, and integrated healthcare systems across the nation. Eighty-one member physician groups earned this 2019 Elite designation as a result of their performance in delivering risk-based, coordinated care. In order to receive Elite status, a physician group must receive five-star ratings defined by rigorous, peer-defined benchmarks in six areas: care management practices, information technology, accountability and transparency, patient-centered care, group support of advanced primary care, and administrative and financial capability. The mission of America's Physician Groups is to help its physician groups to improve the quality and value of healthcare by driving down cost and improving the health of the population. Its members are committed to responsible payment models that make them accountable for both cost and quality.



Caption: Members of the Sansum Clinic Executive Team (L to R) Mathew Kunkel, Chad Hine, Dan Weigel, Dr. Marjorie Newman, Dr. Kurt N. Ransohoff, Tom Colbert, Alex Bauer and Sean Johnson

**About Sansum Clinic**

Since its founding in 1921, Sansum Clinic has been improving the overall health of its patients by providing the latest innovations in equipment, technology, procedures and treatments. Sansum Clinic is the largest independent nonprofit healthcare organization between the Los Angeles Basin and the San Francisco Bay Area. With more than 220 affiliated physicians, Sansum Clinic serves more than 130,000 patients (800,000) annually at our 22 patient care facilities in south Santa Barbara County. To learn more, please visit [www.sansumclinic.org](http://www.sansumclinic.org).