Hospitals don’t win awards. People do.

You actually can judge a hospital by its trophy case. And, lately, we’ve had to make some more room in ours to squeeze in the awards won by Swedish.

What all these trophies say is that Swedish is a place you can come to for uncompromised care and an unusually high level of patient satisfaction.

But these awards also serve another purpose. They’re well-deserved recognition for the 9,400 people who make great things happen here every day. So we’d like to thank them for taking such wonderful care of you, and for making Swedish Swedish.

ABOUT THE AWARDS

LEAPFROG TOP HOSPITALS. This organization named Swedish/First Hill and Swedish/Cherry Hill as 2010 Leapfrog Top Hospitals—an honor for patient safety and quality measures given to just 65 hospitals nationally. Although Swedish/Ballard wasn’t eligible because it doesn’t have an intensive care unit, that campus also scored in the top 10 percent of all Leapfrog hospitals.

NRC CONSUMER CHOICE. For the 12th year, the National Research Corporation named Swedish as one of its Consumer Choice Award winners, recognizing Swedish’s consistently high consumer preference scores.

HEALTHGRADES DISTINGUISHED HOSPITAL. Swedish/Edmonds received the HealthGrades 2011 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, reflecting the performance of Stevens Hospital from 2007 to 2009 before it became Swedish/Edmonds.

PRESS GANEY SUMMIT AWARD. For the second year in a row, the Swedish/Issaquah ER was honored with this award for earning patient satisfaction scores in the top 5 percent of all medical facilities nationwide.