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2015-16 Patient Satisfaction Survey Results

• “Your staff are simply remarkable. They are professional and polite and helpful. Great job!”
• “You have a wonderful team and I have them to thank for getting through this nasty sickness. The University Health Center is a great service to students.”

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