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Saint Francis Hospital Earns Three American Heart Association Achievement Awards

Saint Francis awarded with three Gold Plus recognitions for Stroke and Heart Failure care

HARTFORD, Conn. (June 30, 2021) – Saint Francis Hospital earned three American Heart Association Achievement Awards for cardiac care, stroke, and heart failure care. Saint Francis, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, was awarded with Gold Plus recognition in Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke, Get With The Guidelines®-Heart Failure, and Mission: Lifeline® - STEMI Receiving Hospital.

“We are extremely honored that Saint Francis has earned these recognitions from the American Heart Association,” said Thomas Burke, BPharm, MBA, President of Saint Francis Hospital. “I am proud of the hard work done by our physicians, nurses, clinical, and non-clinical colleagues in serving our cardiovascular and stroke patients. Awards such as these are a tangible representation of our commitment to providing top quality care and living our Mission every day.”

Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Quality Achievement Award honors the commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines.

Get With The Guidelines® Heart Failure Quality Achievement Award is an inpatient quality program that strives to improve outcomes for heart failure patients including reduced readmissions and increased healthy days at home.

An ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) is a type of heart attack that mainly affects the lower chambers of the heart. Mission: Lifeline® - STEMI Receiving Hospital is designed to showcase hospitals who provide reperfusion support for STEMIs 24/7. Facilities who earn the Mission: Lifeline® award coordinate with a network of referring hospitals and emergency medical services to provide guideline directed STEMI care for their community.

Hospitals receiving Gold Plus Achievement Awards have reached an aggressive goal of treating patients to core standard levels of care as outlined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association® for two consecutive calendar years or more. In addition, these hospitals have

demonstrated compliance to an additional level of heart failure quality during the 24-month or more time period.

About Saint Francis Hospital

Saint Francis Hospital has been an anchor institution in Connecticut since 1897. Saint Francis is a member of Trinity Health Of New England and Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center, is a 617-bed hospital, a major teaching hospital, and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women’s Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group, and Community Health and Well Being, which includes the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry, and the Greater Hartford Family Advocacy Center. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT