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Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center among Nation's Top Performing Hospitals for Treatment of Heart Attack Patients

American College of Cardiology NCDR ACTION Registry Platinum Award recognizes high standards of patient care

(HARTFORD, Conn. – July 12, 2017) Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR ACTION Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2017. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is one of only 193 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor and is receiving it for the seventh consecutive year.

The award recognizes Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

"Receiving this award for the seventh consecutive year

demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that our cardiac patients receive the best possible care and treatment from an outstanding team of physicians, clinicians, nurses and the entire team at the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute,” said Daniel J. Diver, M.D., chief of cardiology and physician executive of the cardiovascular service line. “Our team prides itself on setting the highest standards of care for our patients and this award is a reflection of that commitment.”

The Center for Disease Control estimates that over 700,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. A heart attack occurs when a blood clot in a coronary artery partially or completely blocks blood flow to the heart muscle. Treatment guidelines include administering aspirin upon arrival and discharge, timely restoration of blood flow to the blocked artery, smoking cessation counseling and cardiac rehabilitation, among others.

To receive the ACTION Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has demonstrated sustained achievement in the ACTION Registry for eight consecutive quarters and has performed at the top level of standards for specific performance measures. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

“As a Platinum Performance Award recipient, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has shown it is a leader in implementing standards of care and protocols for its patients,” said Deepak L. Bhatt, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.C., chair, ACTION Registry; executive director of interventional cardiovascular programs, Brigham and Women’s Hospital Heart and Vascular

Center; and professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School. “By meeting the requirements set forth in the registry and establishing a culture of providing guideline-recommended therapy, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is saving lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients.”

ACTION Registry empowers health care provider teams to consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines and establishes a national standard for understanding and improving the quality, safety and outcomes of care provided for patients with coronary artery disease, specifically high-risk heart attack patients.

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The American College of Cardiology is a 52,000-member medical society that is the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team. The mission of the College is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College operates national registries to measure and improve care, offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions, provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research and bestows credentials upon cardiovascular specialists who meet stringent qualifications. For more, visit acc.org.

About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest

multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds, is 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 Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Saint Francis Medical Group. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT