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Hospital receives awards for stroke care

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – One of the nation’s top voluntary health organizations has recognized Columbus Community Hospital’s commitment to providing the very best in stroke care.

Columbus Community Hospital has received the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke SilverPlus quality achievement award for ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines.

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading reason for disability in the United States. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, so brain cells die. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and accelerating recovery times.

Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest research- and evidence-based guidelines. Get With The Guidelines-Stroke is an in-hospital program for improving stroke care.

“Columbus Community Hospital is committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest treatment guidelines,” said Mike Hansen, president and CEO of Columbus Community Hospital. “Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better. The end goal is to ensure more people in Columbus can experience longer, healthier lives.”

Each year, program participants qualify for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.



Columbus Community Hospital also received the American Heart Association's StrokeSM Elite Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet specific criteria that reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster alteplase.

"These awards recognize the performance improvement work done by the interdisciplinary team at CCH," said Sue Deyke, the hospital emergency room director. "It shows our dedication to improving stroke care in our community."

The third award Columbus Community Hospital received was the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Honor Roll award. This award aims to ensure that patients with Type 2 diabetes receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized because of stroke.

To learn more about the hospital's stroke training services, visit columbushosp.org.