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## **Hoag Hospital Irvine Receives Get With The Guidelines Gold Plus Quality Achievement Awards for Stroke**

*American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® recognizes Hoag's commitment to quality care*

**IRVINE, Calif., July 16, 2019** --- [Hoag Hospital Irvine](#) announced today it has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

The award highlights the [Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute's Stroke Program's](#) commitment to ensuring patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines founded on the latest scientific evidence and recommendations.

This is the eighth year Hoag Hospital Irvine has received the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, acknowledging Hoag's role in reducing the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. When given intravenously in the first three hours after the start of stroke symptoms, tPA has been shown to significantly reduce the effects of stroke and lessen the chance of permanent disability.

Hoag Hospital Irvine earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients receive education on managing their health, as well as other care transition interventions.

"Stroke care is advancing rapidly and this award demonstrates Hoag's commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatments quickly and safely to provide the best possible outcomes for our patients," said [Michael Brant-Zawadzki, M.D., F.A.C.R., senior physician executive and the Ron](#)



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[& Sandi Simon Executive Medical Director Endowed Chair of the Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute at Hoag](#). “Hoag Stroke Program’s multidisciplinary team is highly skilled and ready 24/7 to evaluate and successfully treat patients within an hour of arrival at the hospital.”

The Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute’s Stroke Program at Hoag in Irvine and Newport Beach is certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by DNV GL Healthcare USA, Inc. and Hoag Hospital Irvine is also certified as a Primary Stroke Receiving Center, affirming Hoag’s readiness to handle a full range of stroke-related medical problems.

### **ABOUT PICKUP FAMILY NEUROSCIENCES INSTITUTE**

Delivering a personalized, integrated approach using best-practice guidelines, the most advanced technology, and integration of medical specialists in the most appropriate facilities, the [Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute \(PFNI\) at Hoag](#) provides the highest quality care for patients with brain and spine disorders including stroke, aneurysms and vascular malformations, brain tumors, epilepsy, movement disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, pain, minimally invasive spine surgery, multiple sclerosis, addiction medicine and sleep disorders, as well as the mind-body interface of behavioral health. Several of Hoag’s PFNI programs have received high acclaim, including the stroke program, which was the first hospital in Orange County and the second in California to be named a Certified Comprehensive Stroke Center by DNV GL Healthcare. It was awarded the American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Performance Achievement for stroke care. And as one of the first centers in the U.S. to offer the most advanced radiosurgical treatment system available, Leksell Gamma Knife® Perflexion™, the PFNI brain tumor program is the largest in Orange County and is also among the top volume programs in the western United States. The epilepsy program is an accredited Level 4 center. The PFNI’s memory and cognitive disorders program is nationally recognized.

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Hoag is an approximately \$1 billion nonprofit, regional health care delivery network in Orange County, California, that treats more than 30,000 inpatients and 450,000 outpatients annually. Hoag consists of two acute-care hospitals – Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, which opened in 1952, and Hoag Hospital Irvine, which opened in 2010 – in addition to eight health centers and 11 urgent care centers. Hoag is a designated Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Hoag offers a comprehensive blend of health care services that includes five institutes providing specialized services in the following areas: [cancer](#), [heart and vascular](#), [neurosciences](#), [women’s health](#), and orthopedics through Hoag’s affiliate, [Hoag Orthopedic Institute](#), which consists of an orthopedic hospital and two ambulatory surgical centers. Hoag has been named one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the 2018 - 2019 *U.S. News & World Report*, and *Becker’s Healthcare* named Hoag as one of the 2018 “100 Great Hospitals in America” – a designation Hoag has received five times. For an unprecedented 23 years, residents of Orange County have chosen Hoag as one of the county’s best hospitals in a local newspaper survey. Visit [www.hoag.org](http://www.hoag.org) for more information.

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