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Hoag Receives Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

American Heart Association recognizes Hoag's commitment to quality stroke care

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., May 26, 2017 --- Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Elite.

This is the seventh year Hoag has received the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award and the first year for the Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite acknowledging Hoag for its commitment to providing the highest standard of stroke care according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

"Hoag is honored to receive this distinction, as it demonstrates our commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatments to patients quickly and safely," said [Michael Brant-Zawadzki, M.D., F.A.C.R., Senior Physician Executive and Ron & Sandi Simon Executive Medical Director Endowed Chair, Hoag Neurosciences Institute](#). "Hoag [Stroke](#) Program's [multidisciplinary team](#) utilizes state-of-the-art technology and proven specialized neurological techniques to provide and document the best outcomes for our patients."

Hospitals must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality measures to receive the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

To qualify for the Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce 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. If 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.



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Hoag is also the first hospital in Orange County to be certified as a [Comprehensive Stroke Center by DNV GL Healthcare USA, Inc.](#), reflecting the highest level of competence for treatment of the most serious stroke events.

ABOUT HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN

Hoag is an approximately \$1 billion nonprofit, regional health care delivery network in Orange County, California, that treats more than 29,000 inpatients and 305,000 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 seven health centers and ten 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. In 2013, Hoag entered into an alliance with St. Joseph Health to further expand health care services in the Orange County community, known as St. Joseph Hoag Health. Hoag has been named one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the 2016 - 2017 *U.S. News & World Report*, and *Becker's Hospital Review* named Hoag as one of the 2016 "100 Great Hospitals in America" – a designation Hoag has received four times. National Research Corporation has endorsed Hoag as Orange County's most preferred hospital for the past 20 consecutive years and, for an unprecedented 21 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 for more information.

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