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HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center Honored with Quality Achievement Award for Stroke Care

Scottsdale, Ariz. – (January 7, 2016) HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center has received recertification with zero deficiencies for the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for the treatment of stroke patients. Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for the treatment of stroke patients.

Get With The Guidelines Stroke helps hospital teams provide the most up-to-date, research-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center 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 aggressive use of medications and risk-reduction therapies aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients.

HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center also received the association's Target: Stroke Elite Honor Roll for meeting stroke quality measures that reduce the time between hospital arrival and treatment with the clot-buster tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. People who suffer a stroke who receive the drug within three hours of the onset of symptoms may recover quicker and are less likely to suffer severe disability.

"Our health care providers are dedicated to improving the quality of stroke care," said John Harrington, CEO, HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center. "Patients can trust that they are receiving the highest quality care based on internationally-respected clinical guidelines.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the fifth cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

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Five acute care hospitals:

- Deer Valley Medical Center.
- John C. Lincoln Medical Center.
- Scottsdale Shea Medical Center.
- Scottsdale Thompson Peak Medical Center.
- Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center.

Specialized patient care:

- Breast Health and Research Center.
- Greenbaum Specialty Surgical Hospital.
- HonorHealth Medical Group.
- Piper Surgery Center.
- Research Institute.
- Sonoran Health and Emergency Center.
- Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center.
- Virginia G. Piper Pediatric Center of Excellence - Children's Emergency.
- Extensive specialty care physician practices, outpatient treatment and surgery centers, medical imaging and much more.

Foundation and community services:

- Adult Day Care.
- Children's Dental Clinic.
- Community Health Center.
- Desert Mission Food Bank.
- HonorHealth Foundation.
- Lincoln Learning Center.
- Marley House Behavioral Health Clinic.

Together, we can make quality care more personal and accessible. Learn more at HonorHealth.com.

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