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Providence Receives National Recognition for Heart Failure Program

Mobile, Alabama — Providence Hospital has been awarded the Gold Achievement Award by The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® program. This award recognizes Providence's achievements in using evidence-based guidelines to give the best possible care for heart failure patients. To earn a Gold Performance Achievement Award, a hospital must achieve 85 percent compliance for 24 consecutive months with the Get With The Guidelines measures.

"We are most honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association for our achievements in their Get With The Guidelines program," said Clark Christianson, president and CEO of Providence Hospital. "The excellent care delivered by our physicians, nurses and other professionals at Providence has resulted in our hospital achieving the third-lowest rate of readmission for heart failure in the nation," said Christianson.

Get With The Guidelines is a hospital-based quality-improvement program designed to ensure that hospitals consistently care for cardiac and stroke patients following the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations. The program addresses coronary artery disease, heart failure and stroke. Currently more than 1,400 hospitals participate in the program.

"The American Heart Association is pleased to recognize its top Get With The Guidelines participants," said. Lee Schwamm, M.D., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines steering committee, associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School and Vice Chairman of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital. "Healthcare providers who use Get With The Guidelines are armed with the latest evidence-based guidelines and immediate access to clinical decision support, using a set of tools that have been shown to improve delivery of evidence-based care."

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Providence Hospital, a 349-bed full-service facility and member of Ascension Health, cares for approximately 14,000 inpatients and 150,000 outpatients each year. Providence Hospital has an exclusive local affiliation with MD Anderson Physicians Network® – a supporting organization of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Providence is also the area leader in open-heart surgeries and delivers more babies than any other private hospital in Mobile.

Get With The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's hospital-based quality improvement program that empowers healthcare teams to save lives and reduce healthcare costs by helping hospitals follow evidence-based guidelines and recommendations. For more information, visit heart.org/quality.

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