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DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED FOR IMPLEMENTING QUALITY HEART DISEASE AND STROKE CARE

DELRAY BEACH, FL — Delray Medical Center has been recognized for achievement in using evidence-based guidelines to provide the best possible care to heart attack patients through The American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline® program.

Delray Medical Center and 789 other hospitals are featured in a special advertisement in the “America’s Best Hospitals” issue of *US News & World Report* (August issue) to commemorate their receipt of the Mission: Lifeline Bronze Performance Achievement Award. A total of 931 awards were given for achievement in heart, stroke and heart failure care.

The Mission: Lifeline award specifically recognizes Delray Medical center’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients that effectively improves the survival and care of STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) patients.

Every year, almost 214,000 people experience a STEMI – the deadliest type of heart attack. Unfortunately, a significant number don't receive prompt reperfusion therapy, which is critical in restoring blood flow. Hospitals involved in Mission: Lifeline collaborate in systems of care that close the gap of timely access to appropriate, life-saving treatments.

Hospitals that receive the Mission: Lifeline Quality Achievement Award have demonstrated that at least 85 percent of eligible STEMI patients (without contraindications) are treated within specific time frames upon entering the hospital and discharged following the American Heart Association’s recommended treatment guidelines. Those achieving 85 percent compliance for 24 consecutive months receive the Gold Performance Achievement Award, with the Silver Performance Achievement Award going to those with 85 percent compliance for 12 consecutive months and Bronze at 90 days compliance.

“We are proud that the American Heart Association has chosen the ‘America’s Best Hospitals’ issue of *US News & World Report* to recognize Delray Medical Center for our achievements in

Mission: Lifeline,” said Mark Bryan “Mission: Lifeline is making it easier for our professionals to improve the outcomes of our heart attack patients.”

About Delray Medical Center

For more than 25 years, Delray Medical Center, a 493-bed acute care hospital, has served the communities of South Palm Beach County. As both a community hospital and Level II Trauma Center located on a 42-acre medical plaza, Delray Medical Center has the ability to offer several specialized services including Cardiac Care, Orthopedics, Rehabilitation, Neurosciences, Emergency/Trauma Care, Behavioral Health, and more.

For the past five years, Delray Medical Center has been named one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals by HealthGrades, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization. Delray Medical Center is one of only 269 hospitals ranked in the top 5% in the nation for patient outcomes according to HealthGrades, achieving the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence Award™. Delray Medical Center was one of just 13 hospitals in South Florida- and one of five in Palm Beach County- that received this recognition for its clinical performance.

Several specialized services lines have also earned high achievements. Delray Medical Center’s designation as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) confirms that the hospital’s care programs follow national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve the outcomes for stroke patients. This designation followed Delray Medical Center’s accreditation by the Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center.

For its orthopedics, Delray Medical Center is a Blue Distinction Center for Spine Surgery and Knee and Hip Replacement by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Delray Medical Center’s cardiovascular care has also been the recipient of several awards. The hospital was featured in a special advertisement in the “America’s Best Hospitals” 2010 issue of US News & World Report to commemorate their receipt of the *Get With the Guidelines* Coronary Artery Disease GOLD Award, GOLD Heart Failure Award, and GOLD Plus Stroke Award. In addition, Delray Medical Center was recently named one of America’s “Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals” by a Thomson Reuters. Selected from more than 1,000 U.S. hospitals, Delray Medical Center was chosen based on its record of providing high-quality and effective cardiovascular care.

Delray Medical Center is actively involved in community outreach, sponsoring many events, community lectures and fundraisers. The hospital is also a smoke free campus. For more information or a physician referral, please call 1-800-897-9789 or visit the website at www.delraymedicalctr.com

About Get With The Guidelines

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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