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## **Hoag Receives Get With The Guidelines Gold Plus Quality Achievement Awards for Heart Failure and Stroke**

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

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., June 5, 2018** --- Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian announced today it has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Heart Failure and Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Awards.

The awards highlight Hoag's commitment to ensuring patients with [heart failure](#) and [stroke](#) receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines founded on the latest scientific evidence.

This is the first year Hoag has received the Gold Plus award for heart failure care, which is awarded to hospitals that meet advanced levels of achievement for 24 consecutive months or more and achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with four or more Get With The Guidelines Heart Failure Quality Measures.

"Delivering the highest quality of care to our patients with heart failure is our top priority," said [Dipti Itchhaporia, M.D.](#), program director, Hoag Congestive Heart Failure Program and the Robert & Georgia Roth Endowed Chair for Excellence in Cardiac Care. "It's an honor for Hoag to be recognized with this national distinction for the pioneering techniques and exceptional patient outcomes that our cardiovascular team is delivering."

Hoag's [Jeffrey M. Carlton Heart & Vascular Institute](#) is one of the preeminent cardiovascular centers on the West Coast, having also been named one of the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals in the nation by IBM Watson Health™. In addition, Hoag's Newport Beach and Irvine campuses are both designated Cardiovascular Receiving Centers (CVRC) by the Orange County Emergency Medical Services.



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For stroke care, this is the eighth consecutive year that [Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute's](#) Stroke Program has received the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award and the second year being recognized as a Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite, 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.

"This award demonstrates our commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatments to patients quickly and safely," said [David M. Brown, M.D.](#), program director Hoag Stroke Program, Pickup Family 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."

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

#### **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 30,000 inpatients and 425,000 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 eleven urgent care centers. Hoag is a designated Magnet<sup>®</sup> 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 2017 - 2018 *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 22 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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### **ABOUT THE JEFFREY M. CARLTON HEART & VASCULAR INSTITUTE**

Hoag's [Jeffrey M. Carlton Heart and Vascular Institute](#) (JMCHVI) is one of the preeminent cardiovascular centers on the West Coast, and is well respected for delivering quality care and exceptional patient outcomes in the areas of valve disease, vascular disease and cardiac arrhythmia. The JMCHVI has achieved international and national accreditation for many of its programs, including being named one of the [50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals](#) in the nation by IBM Watson Health™ and the American Heart Association's [Get with the Guidelines® Heart Failure Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award](#). The Society of Thoracic Surgeons placed Hoag in the highest category for quality cardiac surgery, a rating achieved by only 10 percent of hospitals nationwide. Hoag's physicians perform more surgeries and procedures with better outcomes than any other hospital in the county.

### **ABOUT THE 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 at Hoag, 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® Perfexion™, Hoag's 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 3 center. The PFNI's memory and cognitive disorders program is nationally recognized.

### **ABOUT GET WITH THE GUIDELINES®**

Get With The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's hospital-based quality improvement program that provides hospitals with tools and resources to increase adherence to the latest research-based guidelines. Developed with the goal of saving lives and hastening recovery, Get With The Guidelines has touched the lives of more than 6 million patients since 2001. For more information, visit [heart.org](http://heart.org).

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