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Westside Regional Medical Center Earns National Recognition for Cardiovascular, Stroke and Diabetes Care

September 2, 2021 – Westside Regional Medical Center is proud to receive American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines recognition in three categories. This national recognition highlights the rigorous quality measures Westside Regional Medical Center implements for cardiovascular, stroke

and diabetes care, leading to improved patient outcomes and enhanced lifesaving efforts.

Nearly half of all adults in the U.S. have experienced some form of cardiovascular disease – including heart attack, stroke and heart failure. For patients who experience a stroke or major cardiovascular event, time is of the essence.

This recognition not only emphasizes Westside's commitment to excellence in cardiovascular and stroke response, but highlights its evolving capabilities and response times, which are critical for patient recovery.

"Westside Regional Medical Center is proud to be recognized once again by the American Heart Association for our advancements in cardiovascular, stroke and diabetes care," said Barbara Simmons, RN, CEO. "This recognition is a testament to the work and commitment of our caregivers at Westside. After a stroke or cardiovascular event, getting immediate care is critical for patients to make a full recovery, and I'm proud at the enhanced response times we are able to provide with our EMS partners, and clinical leaders."

This year, Westside Regional Medical Center received the following Achievement Awards from the American Heart Association:

- Get With The Guidelines Stroke Award (AHA) Gold Plus
- Get With The Guidelines Stroke Award (AHA) Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll
- Get With The Guidelines Stroke Award (AHA) Target Stroke Elite Plus Honor Roll

For more information on Westside Regional Medical Center, please visit www.westsideregional.com.

About Westside Regional Medical Center

Westside Regional Medical Center, an award-winning 250-bed

hospital, is recognized for providing a wide array of services to the residents of Broward County, South Florida and visitors from around the world. We offer 24-hour comprehensive medical, surgical and diagnostic services, including oncology, cardiology and emergency care. Westside Regional also offers the community with the latest in minimally invasive spine and colorectal surgery and is one of only nine Joint Commission certified centers in the United States for minimally invasive colorectal surgery. Not only is Westside Regional certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA), but it also received its Thrombectomy Capable Center certification from the Joint Commission. Westside Regional Medical Center is also a teaching and research facility, offering Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs in podiatry, surgery and internal medicine. For over 45 years, Westside Regional Medical Center has been committed to expanding and improving every facet of the organization, devoting significant time and resources to enhancing the facility, staff and medical care. Westside Regional Medical Center has an outstanding staff, which includes physicians, specialists and employees, all of whom place importance in making their patients feel welcome and comfortable.

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 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 9 million patients since 2001. For more information, visit heart.org.

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