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Baptist Memphis Earns Get With The Guidelines Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite From American Heart Association

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. XX 2019— Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis recently received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines® Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital’s commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Baptist Memphis 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 evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

“We are proud to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our treatment of stroke patients,” said Dana Dye, administrator and CEO of Baptist Memphis. “The recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our physicians, nurses and all other health care providers.”

According to the American Heart Association, stroke is the no. 5 killer of all Tennesseans; on average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

“We are pleased to recognize Baptist Memphis for their commitment to stroke care,” said Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. “Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through

the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates.”

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