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## **CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center Receives American Heart Association's Target: Stroke Honor Roll Designation**

Los Angeles, April 29, 2014 — CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center has received the Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for the treatment of stroke patients.

HPMC 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 aggressive use of medications and risk-reduction therapies aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients.

“Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center’s recent Stroke Gold Plus and Honor Roll recognition was a result of following rigorous criteria required to meet best practice guidelines,” said Angela Flack, the hospital’s Quality Manager. “We are proud and honored to hold this triumph as our high performance standard of care for our stroke patients.”

HPMC also received the association’s Target: Stroke Honor Roll for meeting stroke quality measures that reduce the time between hospital arrival and treatment with the clot-buster tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. People who suffer a stroke who receive the drug within three hours of the onset of symptoms may recover quicker and are less likely to suffer severe disability.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the number four cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.



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CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center is an acute care facility that has been caring for the Hollywood community and surrounding areas since 1923. The hospital is committed to serving local multicultural communities with quality medical and nursing care. With more than 500 physicians representing virtually every specialty, CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center is a 434 bed facility located in Los Angeles, Calif. that provides a full range of acute services including fetal therapy services. HPMC is an affiliate of Cha Health Systems (CHS), a global leader in clinical research and medicine with nine hospitals, CHAUM, and a Global Clinical Trials Center.

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