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Jupiter Medical Center Recognized for Quality Stroke Care

JUPITER, FLA. – August 4, 2010 — [Jupiter Medical Center](#) has been recognized for achievement in using evidence-based guidelines to provide the best possible care to stroke patients through The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines® program.

JMC is featured in a special advertisement in the “America’s Best Hospitals” issue of *US News & World Report* (August issue), commemorating its receipt of the Get With The Guidelines Silver Performance Achievement Award. Overall, the program recognized 815 hospitals nationally.

Get With The Guidelines is a hospital-based quality-improvement program designed to ensure that hospitals consistently care for cardiac and stroke patients following the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations. To earn the Silver Award, hospitals must achieve at least 85 percent compliance with Get With The Guidelines measures for 12 consecutive months.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in this country, killing 150,000 Americans a year and leaving many more permanently disabled, according to the American Stroke Association. Positive outcomes are heavily dependent on a rapid diagnosis and treatment. JMC’s Primary Stroke Center is designed with that need in mind and to also provide rehabilitation.

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“The goal of the Primary Stroke Center is to give stroke patients the best chance of making a full recovery. JMC physicians, nurses and staff are specially trained and qualified to treat stroke patients,” said John Couris, Jupiter Medical Center President and Chief Executive Officer. “Get With The Guidelines gives our professionals the tools and reports they need to effectively treat our stroke patients. As a result, our stroke care team, led by Michael Collins, M.D., Stroke Center and Emergency Services Medical Director, is well prepared to meet these patients’ unique and specialized needs.

“The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s recognition validates our commitment and success in delivering the high level of care, which can make all the difference to a stroke patient’s recovery.”

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About Jupiter Medical Center

A not-for-profit 283-bed community Medical Center consisting of 163 private acute care hospital beds and 120 long-term care beds, Jupiter Medical Center provides a broad range of services with specialty concentrations in orthopaedics, long-term care, minimally invasive vascular procedures, cancer care and advanced diagnostics. Founded in 1979, Jupiter Medical Center is affiliated with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and is currently in the midst of a major, multi-year growth plan which includes an Outpatient Center, additional ICU beds and a Heart & Vascular Center. The Medical Center has approximately 1,500 employees, 490 physicians and 700 volunteers.

For more information about the services available at Jupiter Medical Center, please call (561) 747-2234 or visit www.jupitermed.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.