University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center Awarded Stroke Certification from The Joint Commission

ELYRIA, OH – University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Stroke Certification. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

UH Elyria Medical Center underwent a rigorous on-site review on October 5, 2015. Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with national disease-specific care standards as well as with stroke-specific requirements. Clinical practice guidelines and performance measures also were addressed.

Established in 2002 and awarded for a two-year period, The Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Care Certification evaluates clinical programs across the continuum of care and addresses three core areas:

- Compliance with consensus-based national standards;
- Effective use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care; and
- An organized approach to performance measurement and improvement activities

"UH Elyria Medical Center has thoroughly demonstrated a high level of care for patients with stroke," said Wendi J. Roberts, RN, executive director, Certification Programs, The Joint Commission. "We commend UH Elyria for becoming a leader in stroke care, potentially providing a higher standard of service for stroke patients in this community."

"UH Elyria Medical Center is pleased to receive Disease-Specific Care Certification from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," added Terry Gallagher, RN, BSN, clinical stroke coordinator, UH Elyria Medical Center. "The certification provides us with the framework to build upon our culture of excellence for those in our community."

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About University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center
Founded in 1908, University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center is a 387-licensed bed hospital with additional campuses in Amherst (UH Amherst Health Center), Avon (UH Avon Health Center) and Sheffield (UH Sheffield Health Center), along with medical offices in Grafton, North Ridgeville and Westlake. Part of the University Hospitals health system, UH Elyria Medical Center offers patients access to UH Case Medical Center, a nationally recognized academic medical center, as well as programs from internationally recognized centers of excellence such as UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and UH Seidman Cancer Center. UH Elyria Medical Center received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR ACTION Registry – GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2015; one of only 319 hospitals in the nation to receive this designation. For more information, visit www.UHElyria.org.

The Joint Commission
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