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Our Mission:

FMC delivers outstanding healthcare for our patients, their families and our communities.

Our Vision:

FMC will be recognized as the leader in patient/family-centered care for those we serve both in our facilities and in our communities.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO DELIVERING SUPERIOR STROKE CARE

LANCASTER, OHIO (Aug. 6, 2020) – Fairfield Medical Center is proud to receive, for the third year in a row, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. This award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines that are focused on the latest scientific evidence.

To receive this award, FMC had to meet specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. This included evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments to ensure alignment with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines, all with the goal of improving recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. The measures also look at whether patients, prior to discharge, have scheduled a follow-up visit and are receiving education on care transition interventions and health management.

"We are so pleased, even during these difficult times with the COVID pandemic, to be able to provide the highest and safest level of care for our patients and families," said Helen Harding, Chief Nursing Officer at Fairfield Medical Center. "The high level of care is indicative of the outstanding work of our team of caregivers who strive to obtain the best outcomes for each individual each time."

FMC additionally received the Association's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll award. This award recognizes hospitals that meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. 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.

About Get With the Guidelines

Get With The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's hospital-based quality improvement program that provides hospitals with tools and resources to increase adherence to 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/quality.

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