

RENOWN RECEIVES GET WITH THE GUIDELINES[®]-STROKE GOLD PLUS QUALITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

American Heart Association award recognizes commitment of Renown's skilled care team to provide quality stroke care



RENO, Nev. (Sept. 2, 2020) — Renown Regional Medical Center staff have once again received the American Heart Association (AHA)/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines[®]-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the care team's commitment to ensuring patients who experience a stroke receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Caregivers at Renown earned this prestigious award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of patients who suffer a stroke. 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 patients. Before being released from the hospital, patients also receive education on managing their health, a follow-up visit appointment, as well as other care transition interventions.

“At Renown Health, we provide the highest level of care for people who experience strokes by implementing the American Heart Association’s Get with the Guidelines-Stroke initiative,” said Burton J. Tabaac, MD, director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Renown. “The tools and resources provided help us measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to ensure patients can get back to doing what they love.”

In addition, the Renown Regional Medical Center team received AHA’s Target: StrokeSM Elite Plus Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, Renown met quality measures 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](#).

“We are pleased to recognize Renown Health for their commitment to stroke care,” said Lee H. Schwamm, MD, 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.”

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the number five cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. 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.

“The effects of stroke can be devastating for patients and their loved ones. We believe your health is worth fighting for. At our acute care hospitals and comprehensive physical rehabilitation hospital, our team is here to help people through every step of recovery. From traumatic injuries and accidents to stroke care, we’re right here to help you come back — and move forward,” said Tony Slonim, MD, DrPH, president and CEO of Renown. “We are extremely proud of our hard-working caregivers who provide highly-skilled and compassionate stroke care every day, giving our patients access to world-class and life-saving treatments, right here at home.”

Renown’s Comprehensive Stroke Center is home to the only CARF-accredited stroke program in the region, which supports the high standards for patient care at Renown.

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About Renown Health

Renown Health is the region’s largest, locally owned and governed, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. With a diverse workforce of more than 7,000 employees, Renown has fostered a longstanding culture of excellence, determination and innovation. The organization comprises a trauma center, two acute care hospitals, a children’s hospital, a rehabilitation hospital, a medical group and urgent care network, and the region’s largest, locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown’s institute model addresses social determinants of health and includes: Child Health, Behavioral Health & Addiction, Healthy Aging and Health Innovation. Clinical institutes include: Cancer, Heart and Vascular Health, Neurosciences and Robotic Surgery. Renown is currently enrolling participants in the world’s largest community-based genetic population health study, the Healthy Nevada Project[®]. For more information, visit renown.org.

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.