



The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano honored with Mission: Lifeline Achievement Award

PLANO, Texas (June 15, 2016) — The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano has received the Mission: Lifeline® Gold Receiving Center Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) the most deadly type of heart attack caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program's goal is to reduce system barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, beginning with the 9-1-1 call and continuing through hospital treatment. The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano is recognized for having an 85% composite adherence and at least 24 consecutive months of 75% or higher compliance on all Mission: Lifeline STEMI Receiving Center quality measures to improve the quality of care for STEMI patients.

"The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our patients who suffer a heart attack, and the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program is helping us accomplish that goal through nationally respected clinical guidelines," said Mark Valentine, president, The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano and The Heart Hospital Baylor Denton. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in cardiac care, and I am very proud of our team."

In addition to receiving the Mission: Lifeline Gold Receiving Center Award, The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano has also been recognized as a recipient of Mission: Lifeline's Gold-Plus award, which recognizes the hospital has not only reached an achievement score of 75 percent or greater on all Mission: Lifeline Receiving Center Quality Measures, but also for achieving at least a 75 percent achievement on First Door to Device time under 120 minutes for STEMI transfer patients from other facilities.

"We commend The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano for this achievement award, which reflects a significant institutional commitment to the highest quality of care for its heart attack patients," said James G. Jollis, MD, Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Advisory Working Group. "Achieving this award means the hospital has met specific reporting and achievement measures for the treatment of its patients who suffer heart attacks and we applaud the hospital for its commitment to quality and timely care."

The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for the quick and appropriate treatment of STEMI patients by providing emergency procedures to re-establish blood flow to blocked arteries when needed. Eligible hospitals must adhere to these measures at a set level for a designated period to receive the awards.

About The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano

The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano, Joint ownership with physicians, is the only freestanding, full-service hospital in North Texas dedicated solely to heart and vascular health care. The hospital is acknowledged as a regional and national leader in cardiovascular care. Its commitment to providing safe, quality, compassionate care is rooted in medical and service excellence. The hospital is ranked 5th in the nation in heart valve surgery*, 6th in the country in open heart surgery*, and #1 in the Dallas-Ft. Worth cardiac surgery market**. As a medical destination for heart and vascular care, the hospital offers advanced care in multiple cardiovascular specialties. Additionally, the hospital is actively engaged in more than 80 clinical research trials. Guests are treated to the hospital's signature Five-Star Service, which has earned Inpatient and Emergency Department satisfaction scores*** that rank among the top hospitals in the country.

For more information, visit: TheHeartHospitalBaylor.com

*MedAssets Performance Management Solutions, Inc. (as successor in interest to The Reilly Group, LLC d/b/a TRG Health Care Solutions, LLC), a Delaware corporation

**CareChex® – a division of Comparion®

***based on scores in the national Press Ganey patient satisfaction database

###