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**WEST BOCA MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED FOR IMPLEMENTING QUALITY  
HEART DISEASE AND STROKE CARE**

BOCA RATON, FL, JULY 2011 — West Boca Medical Center has been recognized for achievement in using evidence-based guidelines to provide the best possible care to patients through the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines® program.

West Boca Medical Center and 789 other hospitals are featured in a special advertisement in the “America’s Best Hospitals” issue of *US News & World Report* (August issue) to commemorate their receipt of the Get With The Guidelines Stroke Silver Plus, and Get With the Guidelines Heart Failure Gold Plus Performance Achievement Awards. A total of 931 awards were given for achievement in heart attack, stroke and heart failure treatment.

Hospitals recognized in each category achieve at least 85 percent compliance to Get With The Guidelines measures. Those achieving 85 percent compliance for 24 consecutive months receive the Gold Performance Achievement Award, with the Silver Performance Achievement Award going to those with 85 percent compliance for 12 consecutive months. Special recognition is also given for those hospitals achieving 85 percent compliance in two or all three categories and/or for being in 75 percent compliance with heart failure and/or stroke measures.

Get With The Guidelines is a hospital-based quality-improvement program designed to ensure that hospitals consistently care for heart and stroke patients utilizing the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations. Currently more than 1,400 hospitals participate in the program.

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s advertisement recognizes West Boca Medical Center’s commitment and success in performance achievement.

“We are pleased to recognize the top Get With The Guidelines participants,” said. Lee Schwamm, M.D., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines steering committee, associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School and Vice Chairman of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital. “Healthcare providers who use Get With The Guidelines are armed with the latest evidence-based guidelines and immediate access to clinical decision support, using a set of tools that have been shown to improve delivery of evidence-based care.

The goal of this initiative is to improve the quality of life and help reduce deaths and disability among patients with heart disease and stroke.”

Published scientific studies are providing us with more and more evidence that Get With The Guidelines works. Patients are getting the right care they need when they need it. That’s resulting in improved survival.”

“We are proud that the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association has chosen the ‘America’s Best Hospitals’ issue of *US News & World Report* to recognize West Boca Medical Center for our achievements in their Get With The Guidelines program,” said West Boca’s CEO Mitch Feldman. “Get With The Guidelines gives our professionals the tools and reports they need to effectively treat our patients.”

### **About West Boca Medical Center**

West Boca Medical Center, part of Tenet South Florida, is a 195-bed acute care hospital located at 21644 State Road 7 in Boca Raton, Florida. West Boca Medical Center has been serving the medical and healthcare needs of its community and surrounding areas for over 20 years.

West Boca Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including general medical and surgical care, orthopedics and sports medicine, a robotic surgery program offering minimally invasive surgery for gynecological, urological and general surgical procedures, a state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging center featuring open MRI and digital mammography, cardiac and surgical intensive care, outpatient surgery services, 24-hour emergency services for adults and children, diabetes education, a cystic fibrosis program for adults and children, outpatient rehabilitation services and a specialized sleep diagnostic center with a dedicated lab for infants and pediatrics as well as adults. West Boca Medical Center is also a Certified Primary Stroke Center.

The hospital also offers several specialties, including a level III neonatal intensive care unit, the BirthCare Pavilion, a pediatric unit and a pediatric intensive care unit. It is also a recipient of the HealthGrades Maternity Care Excellence Award four years in a row (2006/2007 and 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010). HealthGrades has ranked West Boca’s maternity program among the top 5% five percent in the nation for three years in a row (2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010).

The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation’s oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. For more information about West Boca Medical Center or for physician referral, call 866-904-WBMC (9262) or visit the website at [www.westbocamedctr.com](http://www.westbocamedctr.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](http://heart.org/quality).

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