

Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Zion Medical Center earns national recognition for efforts to improve cardiovascular treatment

The American Heart Association presents multiple Achievement Awards for implementation of quality care for patients

SAN DIEGO — Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Zion Medical Center has received three American Heart Association Achievement Awards for implementing quality improvement measures that ensure cardiovascular patients receive efficient and coordinated care, ultimately leading to more lives saved, shorter recovery times and fewer returns to the hospital.

Nearly half of all adults in the U.S. have experienced some form of cardiovascular disease – including heart attack, stroke, and heart failure. For patients with conditions that are severe enough to be transported or admitted to a hospital, time is critical.

The American Heart Association's Get with The Guidelines program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment for cardiovascular events. As a participant in Get with The Guidelines program, Zion Medical Center applied for the award recognitions by demonstrating how their organization has committed to improving quality care for patients.

“Zion Medical Center is honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our dedication to helping our patients have the best possible chance of survival and recovery after cardiovascular events,” said Jane Finley, senior vice president and area manager. “The Get with the Guidelines program helps put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis to improve outcomes for cardiovascular patients.”

This year, Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Zion Medical Center received the following Achievement Awards:

- 2021 Get with the Guidelines Gold Plus
 - Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite
 - Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll

“We are pleased to recognize Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Zion Medical Center for their commitment to cardiovascular care,” said Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., national chairperson of the American Heart Association's 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 American Heart Association's quality improvement programs often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates.”

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About Get with The Guidelines

Get with The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's hospital-based quality improvement program that provides hospitals with 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.

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