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**PALM BEACH GARDENS MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED FOR  
IMPLEMENTING QUALITY HEART DISEASE AND STROKE CARE**

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL — Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center has been recognized for achievement in using evidence-based guidelines to provide the best possible care to heart attack patients through The American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline® program.

Delray 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 Mission: Lifeline Bronze Performance Achievement Award. A total of 931 awards were given for achievement in heart, stroke and heart failure care.

The Mission: Lifeline award specifically recognizes Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients that effectively improves the survival and care of STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) patients.

Every year, almost 214,000 people experience a STEMI – the deadliest type of heart attack. Unfortunately, a significant number don't receive prompt reperfusion therapy, which is critical in restoring blood flow. Hospitals involved in Mission: Lifeline collaborate in systems of care that close the gap of timely access to appropriate, life-saving treatments.

Hospitals that receive the Mission: Lifeline Quality Achievement Award have demonstrated that at least 85 percent of eligible STEMI patients (without contraindications) are treated within specific time frames upon entering the hospital and discharged following the American Heart Association’s recommended treatment guidelines. 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 and Bronze at 90 days compliance.

“We are proud that the American Heart Association has chosen the ‘America’s Best Hospitals’ issue of *US News & World Report* to recognize Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center for our

achievements in Mission: Lifeline,” said Mike Cowling “Mission: Lifeline is making it easier for our professionals to improve the outcomes of our heart attack patients.”

### **About Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center**

Ranked as one of “America’s 50 Best Hospitals” for the fifth year in a row,\* Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center is a 199-bed acute care hospital serving the medical and health care needs of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for more than 40 years. Fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, PBGMC was the first hospital in Palm Beach County and the Treasure coast to perform open-heart surgery and has since remained one of the area’s leading heart hospitals, providing comprehensive cardiac care. PBGMC also offers orthopedics, diagnostic imaging, general surgery, outpatient surgery and more.

The hospital has recently completed the 13.6 million dollar Emergency Room expansion, with more than triple the amount of space as before allowing the hospital to meet the needs of the growing Northern Palm Beach communities.

For more information or physician referral, please call 561-625-5070 or visit [www.pbgmc.com](http://www.pbgmc.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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