

# Intermountain Medical Center Honored For Stroke Care Excellence

SALT LAKE CITY, UT, USA , July 24, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Intermountain Medical Center has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's 2017 Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Achievement Award — the highest possible award in the category — for reaching an aggressive goal of treating stroke patients with greater than 85 percent compliance to core standard levels of care for 24 consecutive months.

In addition to the Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, Intermountain Medical Center also received the Target Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus, which, is the highest possible award in its category. The award signifies the hospital achieves time to treatment with IV thrombolytic therapy in 60 minutes or less in more than 75 percent of patients, and within 45 minutes in more than 50 percent of eligible patients.



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"In my opinion, being honored for excellent patient care is the best recognition a hospital can receive. We work hard every day to improve our treatment times so we can keep providing the best possible

care to our stroke patients," says Megan Donohue, MD, medical director of Stroke Services for the Intermountain Medical Center Neurosciences Institute.

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"We have an amazing team of individuals devoted to caring for stroke patients here at Intermountain

Medical Center, and each one of them has played an important role in achieving this award,” says Heidi Hafen, Stroke Program coordinator for the Intermountain Medical Center Neurosciences Institute.

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In treating a stroke, time is brain: For every minute blood flow is interrupted, almost two million brain cells die. If appropriate treatment is given quickly, research shows patients have better outcomes and less disability. At Intermountain Medical Center, the time to treatment from when the patient arrives at the hospital is approximately 20 minutes faster than the national average.

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