



CITRUS MEMORIAL
Health System

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**CITRUS MEMORIAL'S STROKE CARE PROGRAM
AWARDED CERTIFICATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

Citrus Memorial Health System has earned the Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission for Primary Stroke Centers. Citrus Memorial earned this distinction after the Joint Commission conducted an on-site review in December.

“Citrus Memorial Health System demonstrated that its stroke care program follows national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve outcomes for stroke patients,” says Jean E. Range, M.S., R.N., C.P.H.Q., executive director, Disease-Specific Care Certification, Joint Commission.

Each year about 700,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke, which is the nation's third leading cause of death. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds and someone dies of a stroke every 3.1 minutes. Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, with about 4.7 million stroke survivors alive today.

“We're proud to achieve the distinction,” says Ryan Beaty, Citrus Memorial President and CEO. “Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center Certification recognizes our stroke team's commitment to providing outstanding care to our patients and our community.”

The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification is based on the recommendations for primary stroke centers published by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association's statements/guidelines for stroke care. The Joint Commission launched the program—the nation's first—in 2003. A list of programs certified by the Joint Commission is available at www.jointcommission.org.

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Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn

About Citrus Memorial Health System

Citrus Memorial is a 198-bed, not-for-profit, community hospital that provides health care services to residents of Citrus County and surrounding communities. More than 150 physicians and 1,000 employees provide a wide range of services at our Inverness campus and at medical offices and clinics in Citrus and Sumter Counties. Citrus Memorial is fully accredited by the Joint Commission and is fully licensed by the State of Florida.

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