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LAKE WALES MEDICAL CENTER EARNS CHEST PAIN CENTER ACCREDITATION

Lake Wales, FL – Lake Wales Medical Center has been recognized by the American College of Cardiology for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients with chest pain. The hospital was awarded Chest Pain Center Accreditation based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff’s ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack.



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 730,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. The most common symptom of a heart attack for both men and women is chest pain or discomfort. However, women are more likely to have atypical symptoms. Other heart attack symptoms include, but are not limited to, tingling or discomfort

in one or both arms, back, shoulder, neck or jaw, shortness of breath, cold sweat, unusual tiredness, heartburn-like feeling, nausea or vomiting, sudden dizziness and fainting.

Hospitals that have earned ACC Chest Pain Center Accreditation have proven exceptional competency in treating patients with heart attack symptoms. They have streamlined their systems from admission to evaluation to diagnosis and treatment all the way through to appropriate post-discharge care and recommendations and assistance in patient lifestyle changes.

“Lake Wales Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to providing the greater Lake Wales community with excellent heart care,” said Dr. Phillip D. Levy, FACC, Chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. “ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award Lake Wales Medical Center with Chest Pain Center Accreditation.”

Hospitals receiving Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the ACC must take part in a multi-faceted clinical process that involves: completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care, developing an action plan; a rigorous on-site review; and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the care of patients experiencing signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians and administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education and improved patient outcomes.

“We are excited to have achieved Chest Pain Center Accreditation and to have in place the measures necessary to ensure that our community will receive the highest level of care when they are experiencing heart attack symptoms,” said Andrea Clyne, Chief Nursing Officer at LWMC. “Our community deserves the best care possible, and we are committed to providing that right here at Lake Wales Medical Center.”

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