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BETH ISRAEL RECOGNIZED FOR IMPLEMENTING QUALITY CARDIAC AND
STROKE CARE

New York, NY – The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association are recognizing Beth Israel Medical Center for its performance in treating cardiac and stroke patients using the association’s Get With the GuidelinesSM program. Beth Israel was one of 518 hospitals featured in an advertisement in the July 21st “America’s Best Hospitals” issue of *US News & World Report*.

GWTG is a hospital-based quality-improvement program designed to ensure that hospitals consistently care for cardiac and stroke patients following the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations. The program provides three modules that address coronary artery disease, heart failure, and stroke. Currently more than 1,450 hospitals use one or more GWTG modules.

Upon meeting each module’s criteria, hospitals are recognized if at least 85 percent of their cardiac or stroke patients are treated and discharged according to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s recommendations.

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s advertisement recognizes Beth Israel’s commitment and success in performance achievement.

“The American Heart Association is pleased to recognize its top Get With The Guidelines participants,” said Gregg C. Fonarow, MD, national chairman, Get With The Guidelines steering committee and director, Ahmanson-UCLA Cardio myopathy Center. “The program makes it easier for hospitals like Beth Israel to provide appropriate evidence-based care and ultimately improve the quality of life and help reduce the number of deaths in these heart and stroke patients.”

“We are proud that the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association have chosen the ‘America’s Best Hospitals’ issue of *US News & World Report* to recognize Beth Israel Medical Center for our achievements in their Get With The Guidelines program,” said Steven R. Bergmann, MD, PhD, BI’s Chief of Cardiology. “This program gives our professionals the tools and reports they need to effectively treat our coronary heart disease, heart failure and stroke patients. This recognition is based on our excellence in managing heart attacks and stroke patients with prompt treatment that provides the highest-quality outcomes.”

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