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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System's Heart Hospital is among the best in the nation for treating patients who have had a heart attack. Saint Francis received the ACTION Registry-Get With The Guidelines Platinum Performance Achievement Award from the American College of Cardiology NCDR ACTION Registry®-GWTG™ for the fifth consecutive year. Saint Francis Medical Center is one of only 223 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor in 2016.

In order to receive the award, Saint Francis met rigorous standards of treatment for eight consecutive quarters, scoring 90 percent or better. "The standards are meant to guide hospitals both in treating heart attack patients and in working with them to prevent another incident," says interventional cardiologist Duc T. Nguyen, DO, at Saint Francis Medical Center.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that more than 700,000 Americans suffer from a heart attack each year. This Platinum Performance Achievement Award recognizes hospitals that have consistently saved lives and improved outcomes in heart attack patients.

"Simply put, we are saving more lives and improving more outcomes for the heart attack patients we see, and that's good news for hearts in the communities we serve," says

Steven C. Bjelich, FACHE-D, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Francis Healthcare System.

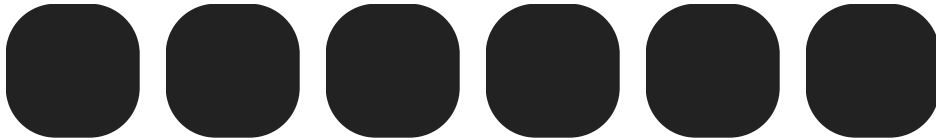
To learn more about this Heart Hospital honor, call 573-331-3996 or visit sfmc.net.

Saint Francis Medical Center is a 308-bed facility serving more than 713,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by its Christian philosophy and values, the Medical Center has become a progressive, innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis' major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Level III Trauma Center; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus.

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