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Southeast Hospital Recognized with Prestigious American College of Cardiology Award

Southeast Hospital has received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain – MI Registry Platinum Performance Award for 2019. This is the eighth consecutive year that Southeast has been singled out as a top performing hospital for heart care. It is one of only 225 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor.

The award recognizes Southeast's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that the hospital has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients at standard levels of care as specified by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines and recommendations.

Gabe Soto, MD, PhD, a cardiologist with Cardiovascular Consultants and interim Chief Medical Officer, said, "the award recognizes the unwavering commitment of the entire heart team of physicians, nurses and support staff who are dedicated to continually advancing the care of the hundreds of heart attack patients who turn to Southeast for care every year."

He noted that in addition to providing evidence-based care to heart attack patients, Southeast is also committed to investing in new technologies and facilities that result in improved safety and better outcomes for these, and all, heart patients. These investments recently included a new, hybrid operating suite with technology to advance treatment options for critically ill heart patients, a new Heart and Vascular Pavilion designed for patient and family comfort and introducing to the region transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), a minimally invasive approach to replacement of a narrowed aortic valve, and transcatheter MitraClip repair procedure which allows mitral regurgitation patients to be treated without invasive open heart surgery.

The Centers for Disease Control estimate that over 700,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. Treatment guidelines, all of which are in place at Southeast Hospital, include administering aspirin upon arrival and discharge, timely restoration of blood flow to the blocked artery, smoking cessation counseling and cardiac rehabilitation.

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