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**PROVIDENCE HEALTH RECEIVES AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
CARDIOLOGY PERFORMANCE AWARD***NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum award recognizes high standards of care*

COLUMBIA, SC – Providence Health is one of only 223 hospitals nationwide to receive the American College of Cardiology’s NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2016.

The award recognizes Providence Health’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that Providence has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to the high standards of care outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association’s guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award, Providence Health consistently followed treatment guidelines in the ACTION Registry–GWTG Premier for eight consecutive quarters, performing at the top level for specific performance measures.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that over 700,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. A heart attack occurs when a blood clot in a coronary artery partially or completely blocks blood flow to the heart muscle.

“As a Platinum Performance Award recipient, Providence Health has shown it is a leader in implementing standards of care and protocols for its patients,” said Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA, Chair, ACTION Registry-GWTG Chair; Executive Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Programs, Brigham and Women’s Hospital Heart and Vascular Center; and Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School. “By meeting the requirements set forth in the registry and establishing a culture of providing guideline-recommended therapy, Providence Health is saving lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients.”

“Providence Health delivers cardiac care through a multitude of service lines, including

emergency departments, scheduled heart surgery, cardiology, cardiac rehab, and more,” says Daniel Pinckney Bouknight, MD, FACC, Board Member of Providence Health who is also a practicing cardiologist with the Providence Heart specialty group. “All of these areas share one thing: Commitment to Quality.”

ACTION Registry–GWTG is a partnership between the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association with partnering support from the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care. ACTION Registry-GWTG empowers health care provider teams to consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines and establishes a national standard for understanding and improving the quality, safety and outcomes of care provided for patients with coronary artery disease, specifically high-risk heart attack patients.

About Providence Health: A part of LifePoint Health, Providence Health is the leading provider of cardiovascular and orthopedic services in the Midlands. Providence is composed of two hospitals, fourteen physician practices, a network of rehabilitation centers, two sleep centers, an imaging and diagnostics lab, a school of cardiac diagnostics and an accredited chest pain center. In total, Providence employs more than 1,800 dedicated staff. Founded in 1938 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, Providence is known statewide for outstanding clinical quality and compassionate care. The Providence open heart surgery program has consistently ranked in the top 15 percent of open heart programs in the nation. Both orthopedics and cardiac services have received the South Carolina BlueCross BlueShield Blue Distinction Center designation. For more information, visit YourProvidenceHealth.com.

About The American College of Cardiology: The ACC is a 52,000-member medical society that is the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team. The mission of the College is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College operates national registries to measure and improve care, offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions, provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research and bestows credentials upon cardiovascular specialists who meet stringent qualifications. For more, visit acc.org.

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