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Southeast Missouri Hospital Again Earns National Certification for Primary Stroke Center

Southeast Missouri Hospital has earned the Gold Seal of Approval™ again from The Joint Commission for Primary Stroke Centers.

Southeast earned this recertification after The Joint Commission conducted an on-site review in September. The Hospital was awarded the Gold Seal of Approval for the first time in 2007.

“Southeast Missouri Hospital demonstrated that its stroke care program follows national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve outcomes for stroke patients,” says Jean E. Range, Executive Director of The Joint Commission’s Disease-Specific Care Certification.

Each year about 700,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke. “Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States,” says Neurologist Randall L. Stahly, DO, Medical Director of the Hospital’s Primary Stroke Center.

Stroke is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability with nearly 5 million stroke survivors alive today.

“Obtaining Primary Stroke Center recertification reflects Southeast Missouri Hospital’s commitment to provide excellence in stroke care for our region,” notes Dr. Stahly.

“Our goal is to educate the public about stroke and the need for a rapid response to stroke symptoms, and to provide state-of-the-art care to those who suffer a stroke. The sooner a patient receives treatment, the better the outcome,” he says.

Southeast’s Regional Brain and Spine Center is committed to providing accurate diagnoses as well as comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation for patients with neurological disorders, diseases and injuries.

The center includes an inpatient Neuro Unit and Intensive Care Unit, Neurosurgery operating suites equipped with a sophisticated neuronavigational system, an Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit with 13 private rooms and the community’s only adult inpatient Psychiatric Unit.

The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center certification is based on the recommendations for primary stroke care as outlined by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association. The Joint Commission launched the certification program – the first in the nation – in 2003.