

Bellevue recognized for heart, stroke care

Bellevue has announced that it is one of only two hospitals recognized for excellence in six or more categories of heart and stroke care by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. This recognition earns Bellevue, part of the NYC Health + Hospitals network, a position on *U.S. News and World Report's* list of America's Best Hospitals for outstanding care of heart and stroke patients.

The recognition was awarded for implementation of the AHA/ASA Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) program, which establish metrics for high standards for care and patient outcomes. The hospital was recognized in six areas:

Gold Plus Achievement for GWTG: Heart Failure

Honor Roll for Target: Heart Failure

Gold Achievement for GWTG: Resuscitation

Gold Plus Achievement for GWTG: Stroke

Honor Roll – Elite Plus for Target: Stroke

Silver Receiving Award for Mission: Lifeline STEMI (short for ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction, a serious type of heart attack)

Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure and Get With The Guidelines-Stroke are in-hospital programs for improving care by promoting consistent adherence to the latest scientific treatment guidelines. Numerous published studies demonstrate the program's success in achieving significant improvements in patient outcomes, according to AHA. For example, with heart failure, among the proven results are reductions in 30-day readmissions, a measure now used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in determining reimbursement rates.

Bellevue is America's oldest hospital, established in 1736.