

UC San Diego Cardiovascular Team Honored with ACC Gold

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UC San Diego Health System is one of only 167 hospitals nationwide to receive the American College of Cardiology Foundation's NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG (Get with the Guidelines) Gold Performance Achievement Award for 2011. The quality-improvement program recognizes UC San Diego Health System's success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that the team at the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients.

"Receiving this 'Get with the Guidelines' Gold award means that our staff consistently followed the national treatment guidelines and met performance standards of at least 85 percent," explained Lisa Murphy, Administrator for the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center. "For our patients, this means – quite simply – that they receive the most up-to-date care available, in a timely manner, and we meet their every need."

"Get With The Guidelines" addresses coronary artery disease, heart failure and stroke. Currently more than 1,400 hospitals participate in the program. UC San Diego Health System received Gold distinction in 2008, 2009 and 2010; Silver in 2007, and Bronze in 2006.

"The American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association commend the UC San Diego Health System's success in implementing standards of care and protocols," Gregg C. Fonarow, MD, FACC, FAHA, ACTION Registry-GWTG Steering Committee Chair and Director of Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center and James Jollis, MD, FACC, ACTION Registry-GWTG Co-Chair and professor of medicine and radiology at Duke University Hospital. "The full implementation of acute and secondary prevention guideline-recommended therapy is a critical step in saving the lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients."

UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center is dedicated to innovative care and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. The state-of-the-art facility, which opened in La Jolla in 2011, is the region's first academic-based facility to combine all heart and vascular-related

services, programs and technology under one roof. For more information, visit <http://heartcenter.ucsd.edu>

ACTION Registry–GWTG

ACTION Registry–GWTG is a partnership between the American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association with partnering support from the American College of Emergency Physicians, Society of Chest Pain Centers and the Society of Hospital Medicine. 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 STEMI and NSTEMI patients.

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