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**FACILITY****Receives ACC Chest Pain Center Certification for FreeStanding Emergency Departments**

***FACILITY*** *provides necessary care, and resources to patients with heart attack symptoms*

**DATELINE (Month xx, 20XX) —** The American College of Cardiology has recognized **FACILITY NAME** for its demonstrated expertise and commitment to treating patients with chest pain. **FACILITY NAME** was awarded Chest Pain Center Certification for FreeStanding Emergency Departments

in **MONTH** based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff’s ability to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 730,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. The most common symptom of a heart attack for both men and women is chest pain or discomfort. However, women are more likely to have atypical symptoms. Other heart attack symptoms include but are not limited to, tingling or discomfort in one or both arms, back, shoulder, neck, or jaw, shortness of breath, cold sweat, unusual tiredness, heartburn-like feeling, nausea or vomiting, sudden dizziness, and fainting.

Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is also known as coronary angioplasty. It is a non-surgical procedure that opens narrowed or blocked coronary arteries with a balloon to relieve symptoms of heart disease or reduce heart damage during or after a heart attack.

Hospitals that have earned ACC Chest Pain Center Certification for FreeStanding Emergency Departments have proven exceptional competency in treating patients with heart attack symptoms and have processes in place for immediate transfer to a PPCI-capable hospital or fibrinolytic administration prior to transfer to reduce the patient's mortality risk.

“**FACILITY NAME** has demonstrated its commitment to providing **COMMUNITY NAME** with excellent heart care,” said Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, MPH, FACC, chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. “ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award **FACILITY NAME** with Chest Pain Center Certification for FreeStanding Emergency Departments.”

Hospitals receiving Chest Pain Center Certification for FreeStanding Emergency Departments from the ACC must take part in a multi-facetedclinical process that involves completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care, developing an action plan; a rigorous onsite review; and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the care of patients experiencing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Facilities that achieve certificationmeet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have an organized team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education and improved patient outcomes.

**[QUOTE from hospital]**

**[Additional info about hospital or facility]**

The ACC offers U.S. and international hospitals like **FACILITY NAME** access to a comprehensive suite of cardiac accreditation services designed to optimize patient outcomes and improve hospital financial performance. These services are focused on all aspects of cardiac care, including emergency treatment of heart attacks.

**About (FACILITY)**

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