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Piedmont Medical Center awarded top state honor

Rock Hill hospital lauded for heart disease, stroke treatment

By Jason Foster - The Herald

Piedmont Medical Center has received a top state honor for its treatment of patients with cardiovascular disease and stroke.

The Rock Hill hospital has been named the "Get With the Guidelines" South Carolina Distinguished Hospital of the Year by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and the American Heart and Stroke associations.

The award is given annually to one S.C. hospital that has made significant contributions in treating heart disease and stroke. This is the first time PMC has received the award, which will be presented Saturday in Myrtle Beach.



"That is a huge honor," said Jamillah Hasan-Jones, the hospital's director of clinical quality improvement. "It's a lot of hard work that has gone into making sure that patients are taken care of."

PMC is the third recipient of the award, which honors hospitals for consistent adherence to the latest American Heart Association/Stroke Association treatment guidelines. The guidelines include things such as whether patients receive proper discharge instructions and medication to help control their condition at home.

"They are continually providing quality care to patients ... there in Rock Hill and the surrounding areas," said Joy Brooks, director of DHEC's heart disease and stroke prevention division. "That's quite an accomplishment and something the hospital should be quite proud of."

The award shows the hospital maintains strong reporting of its quality measures and consistent improvement in its treatment,



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