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BOCA RATON REGIONAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STROKE CARE

BOCA RATON, FL – **May 16, 2017** – Boca Raton Regional Hospital has received the 2017 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Elite. The award recognizes the Hospital's continued success in providing the most up-to-date, evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve patient care and outcomes in the community.

Earning a Gold Plus designation means the Hospital achieved 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines – Stroke achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieved 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Quality measures to receive the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

The accolade is the top recognition category awarded by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and honors the Hospital's continued commitment in implementing the highest level of stroke care with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients.

"This recognition demonstrates our commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatments to patients quickly and safely," said Frank D. Vrionis, MD, MPH, PhD, Director of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute at Boca Regional. "Boca Raton Regional Hospital is dedicated to excellence in the treatment of stroke patients. This award reinforces our team's hard work."

Boca Raton Regional Hospital is also one of only four hospitals in Palm Beach County to be designated a Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) by featuring a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine.

The Marcus Neuroscience Institute is an innovative nexus for neurologic and neurosurgical care. The 57,000-square-foot facility houses a 20-bed Neuro Intensive Care and Step-Down Unit, four dedicated operating rooms — including one equipped with intraoperative MRI and two with intraoperative CT capability — and a biplane angiography suite, a crucial component in the diagnosis and care of neurological conditions.

About Boca Raton Regional Hospital – Advancing the boundaries of medicine.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital is an advanced, tertiary medical center (<u>BRRH.com</u>) with 400 beds and more than 800 primary and specialty physicians on staff. The Hospital is a recognized leader in oncology, cardiovascular disease and surgery, minimally invasive surgery, orthopedics, women's health, emergency medicine and the neurosciences, all of which offer state-of-the-art diagnostic and imaging capabilities. The Hospital is a designated Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).