

UW Health: University Hospital among nation's top performing hospitals for treatment of heart attack patients

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MADISON, Wis. – University Hospital received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain– MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2021, marking the tenth consecutive year that UW Health has been honored for providing exceptional care for heart attack patients.

The award recognizes UW Health's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that University Hospital has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the Chest Pain– MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award, University Hospital has demonstrated sustained achievement in the Chest Pain– MI Registry for two consecutive years (2019 and 2020), and performed at the highest level for specific performance measures. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

“Receiving this award for a 10th consecutive year serves as further confirmation to our patients that we have the systems, people and resources in place to deliver consistent and exceptional care,” said [Dr. Amish Raval](#), interventional cardiologist at University Hospital. “It serves as powerful testimony to the hard work and

dedication that our staff demonstrates on a daily basis and to the unyielding commitment of excellence we make to all the patients we care for.”

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that almost 700,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. A heart attack occurs when a blood clot in a coronary artery partially or completely blocks blood flow to the heart muscle. Treatment guidelines include administering aspirin upon arrival and discharge, timely restoration of blood flow to the blocked artery, smoking cessation counseling and cardiac rehabilitation, among others.

“As a Platinum Performance Award recipient, University Hospital has established itself as a leader in setting the national standard for improving quality of care in patients with acute myocardial infarction,” said Michael C. Kontos, MD, FACC, chair of the NCDR Chest Pain – MI Registry Steering Subcommittee, and cardiologist at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. “By meeting the award requirements set forth in the registry, University Hospital has demonstrated a commitment to providing reliable, comprehensive treatment for heart attack patients based on current clinical guideline recommendations.”