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**UAMS Stroke Program Wins Two Awards
for Excellence in Care**

LITTLE ROCK — Excellence in treating stroke patients recently garnered two awards for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Stroke Program.

On June 7 at the Clinton Presidential Center, the American Heart Association honored the program with the Target: Stroke Elite Honor Roll and Get with the Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus award. The Arkansas Department of Health recognized the program with a Defect Free Stroke Patient Care award for the overall quality of UAMS' stroke care performance.



The Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite recognition acknowledges the program's compliance with standards for quick and timely treatment of stroke. The Get with the Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus status recognizes the program's continued high performance by those measures for two or more consecutive years after receiving a Gold or Silver award.

“This year's honors from the American Heart Association and Health Department show that not only has the stroke care team at UAMS worked hard to achieve these high standards of care for our patients, but we have continued to maintain those standards over several years,” said Matthew Mitchell, M.N.Sc., R.N., director of the Stroke Program. “We're grateful for these awards. They motivate us to maintain our achievements and even work to surpass them.”

UAMS Medical Center in July 2018 became the first and only health care provider in Arkansas to be certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by The Joint Commission. The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit organization that evaluates and accredits more than 20,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. According to the Joint Commission, the certification is the most demanding accreditation and is designed for those hospitals that have the specific abilities to receive and treat the most complex stroke cases.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main

campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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