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**Memorial Community Hospital and Health System recognized for Participating in   
Get With The Guidelines from the American Heart Association**

*American Heart Association Award recognizes Memorial Community Hospital and Health System commitment to quality stroke care*

**Blair, NE - July 21, 2020** ― **Memorial Community Hospital and Health System** has received recognition from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines® for Participating in their stroke quality program. The American Heart Association is recognizing the hospital’s commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

“Memorial Community Hospital and Health System is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative,” said Keala Roy, Emergency Department Lead. “The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes.”

“We are pleased to recognize Memorial Community Hospital and Health System for their commitment to stroke care,” said Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. “Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates.”

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

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***About Memorial Community Hospital and HealthSystem***Memorial Community Hospital & Health System, located at 810 North 22 Street, has been serving the residents of Burt and Washington Counties for more than 50 years. The hospital, and its network of outreach clinics, continues to heal, nurture and promote health by proactively identifying and meeting the needs of these communities. For more information, visit http://www.mchhs.org.

***About Get With The Guidelines®***

Get With The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s hospital-based quality improvement program that provides hospitals with tools and resources to increase adherence to the latest research-based guidelines. Developed with the goal of saving lives and hastening recovery, Get With The Guidelines has touched the lives of more than 6 million patients since 2001. For more information, visit [heart.org](http://www.heart.org).