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Atlanta Medical Center garners gold from American Heart Association

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 12, 2010) – Atlanta Medical Center is one of only three hospitals in the state to achieve Gold status on all three levels of the American Heart Association’s 2009 Scientific Sessions Recognition Awards. The awards were presented to hospitals that realized quality improvements by using the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines® initiative.

Atlanta Medical Center earned Gold awards for performance achievement in the Heart Failure and Coronary Artery Disease categories and is the first in the state of Georgia to earn a Gold Plus award for performance achievement in treating Stroke. The Gold Plus designation, the highest award, honors hospitals that have demonstrated an established level of compliance for a specific group of quality measures.

Get With The Guidelines is an innovative program that helps hospitals analyze quality of care and improve outcomes for patients with coronary artery disease, heart failure and stroke. Approximately 35 percent of U.S. hospitals are involved in Get With The Guidelines.

The awards from the American Heart Association earned Atlanta Medical Center recognition for its quality improvement efforts in *U.S. News and World Report’s* annual America’s Best Hospitals issue.

“Our staff continually strives to provide the highest standard of care to patients and to raise the bar for that standard,” said William T. Moore, Atlanta Medical Center president and chief executive officer. “So, we are pleased to be honored by the American Heart Association with three gold awards for

our efforts. It's gratifying to receive this kind of tangible acknowledgement."

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Atlanta Medical Center, part of Tenet Georgia, is a 460-bed tertiary care hospital at 303 Parkway Drive in Atlanta. Atlanta Medical Center has been serving the medical needs of the community and region since its founding in 1901.