

Memorial Minute

September 3, 2021



Memorial Bariatric Surgery Program Recertified By The Joint Commission For High Quality Care

Memorial Medical Center once again earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Bariatric Surgery Certification. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a healthcare organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care. Memorial is recognized for providing clinical programs across the continuum of care for bariatric surgery. The certification evaluates how we use clinical outcomes and performance measures to identify opportunities to improve care, as well as to educate and prepare patients and their caregivers for discharge. I commend our team for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for bariatric patients. There is no higher validation of the quality of care at Memorial than certification from The Joint Commission. Our Bariatric Surgery program is renowned in our region and beyond for providing high quality care and a happier and healthier lifestyle for our patients. Memorial is also the region's only Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Distinction Center for Bariatrics.



Bariatric Surgery
Certification



Memorial Earns Primary Stroke Accreditation Through Attention To The Details

I am proud to announce that Memorial Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Primary Stroke Certification. The process and resulting certification is the latest example of the high quality and consistent care offered at Memorial. I am very proud of the dedicated professionals at Memorial who worked hard to achieve this level of stroke care. We underwent a rigorous, unannounced virtual review on May 21, 2021. During the review, a team of The Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with related certification standards including providing safe and quality care through program management, supporting self-management, and delivering and facilitating clinical care. This certification reflects our commitment to providing the highest quality of care for stroke patients. Memorial Medical Center hired a full-time Stroke Coordinator for program oversight to ensure certification eligibility and requirements. Throughout the process, the team at Memorial showed great teamwork and collaboration to meet the eligibility requirements.



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CERTIFICATION

Meets standards for

Primary Stroke Center

Memorial Heart Team Continues to Grow With New Providers And Services

Memorial continues to add talented providers to our already skilled medical staff. This summer, our Heart Team continued to grow with the addition of Claudia Lucas, NP, and Antonio Rodriguez, MD. To ensure patients recover quickly, Lucas will follow-up on them in the hospital after heart and vascular procedures. Dr. Rodriguez, similar to the other Interventional Cardiologists on our team, utilizes heart and vascular catheterizations to restore blood flow to compromised areas of the heart. He also uses the same technique to save limbs that have clogged vessels. We continue to add new providers in many service lines, so watch future editions of this newsletter to learn about our latest advances.



Claudia Lucas, NP

Welcome



Antonio Rodriguez, MD

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Mission

Making
Communities
Healthier

Vision

To be a place where: People choose to come
for healthcare; Physicians want to practice;
and Employees want to work.

Sincerely,

John Harris, CEO
Memorial Medical Center

