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## **Hoag Certified as Comprehensive Stroke Center**

Second Hospital in California and First in Orange County to Receive Prestigious Accreditation from DNV GL

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., October 27, 2016 ---** Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian announced today it has been certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by DNV GL Healthcare USA, Inc., reflecting the highest level of competence for treatment of the most serious <u>stroke</u> events. Hoag is the second DNV GL certified hospital in California and the first hospital in Orange County to receive this accreditation.

"Hoag is honored to receive this distinction, as it demonstrates our team's expertise and devotion to patient care and safety," said <a href="Michael Brant-Zawadzki">Michael Brant-Zawadzki</a>, M.D., F.A.C.R., Senior Physician <a href="Executive and Ron & Sandi Simon Executive Medical Director Endowed Chair, Hoag Neurosciences Institute">Neurosciences Institute</a>. "The Comprehensive Stroke Center certification is a significant accomplishment for the <a href="Stroke Program">Stroke Program</a> of the <a href="Hoag Neurosciences Institute">Hoag Neurosciences Institute</a>, and solidifies our ranking as a healthcare leader."

The DNV GL Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification is given to esteemed hospitals that have specific abilities to receive and treat the most complex stroke cases from the initial and rapid diagnosis, advanced and state-of-the art treatment, comprehensive rehabilitation program and community wide stroke education—and establishes clear metrics to evaluate outcomes.

"It's essential to receive immediate medical attention from a facility, like Hoag, that is experienced in acute stroke management," said <a href="David M. Brown, M.D.">David M. Brown, M.D.</a>, program director, Hoag Neurosciences <a href="Institute's Stroke Program">Institute's Stroke Program</a>. "Our Stroke Program's multidisciplinary team utilizes state-of-the-art technology and proven specialized neurological techniques to provide and document the best outcomes for our stroke patients."



Hoag Neurosciences Institute's Stroke Program ranks among the top five percent in the nation and this certification furthers Hoag's mission to provide the highest quality care to its patients.

## ABOUT HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN

Hoag is an approximately \$1 billion nonprofit, regional health care delivery network in Orange County, California, that treats more than 27,000 inpatients and 379,000 outpatients annually. Hoag consists of two acute-care hospitals - Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, which opened in 1952, and Hoag Hospital Irvine, which opened in 2010 - in addition to seven health centers and ten urgent care centers. Hoag is a designated Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Hoag offers a comprehensive blend of health care services that includes five institutes providing specialized services in the following areas: cancer, heart and vascular, neurosciences, women's health, and orthopedics through Hoag's affiliate, Hoag Orthopedic Institute, which consists of an orthopedic hospital and two ambulatory surgical centers. In 2013, Hoag entered into an alliance with St. Joseph Health to further expand health care services in the Orange County community, known as St. Joseph Hoag Health. Hoag has been named one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the 2016 - 2017 U.S. News & World Report, and Becker's Hospital Review named Hoag as one of the 2016 "100 Great Hospitals in America" – a designation Hoag has received four times. National Research Corporation has endorsed Hoag as Orange County's most preferred hospital for the past 20 consecutive years and, for an unprecedented 21 years, residents of Orange County have chosen Hoag as one of the county's best hospitals in a local newspaper survey. Visit www.hoag.org for more information.

## ABOUT HOAG NEUROSCIENCES INSTITUTE

Delivering a personalized, integrated approach using best-practice guidelines, the most advanced technology, and integration of medical specialists in the most appropriate facilities, Hoag Neurosciences Institute provides the highest quality care for patients with brain and spine disorders including stroke, aneurysms and vascular malformations, brain tumors, epilepsy, movement disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, pain, minimally invasive spine surgery, multiple sclerosis, addiction medicine and sleep disorders, as well as the mind-body interface of behavioral health. Several of Hoag's neuroscience programs have received high acclaim, including Hoag's stroke program, which ranks among the top five percent in the nation and was awarded the American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Performance Achievement for Hoag's high standard of stroke care. And as one of the first centers in the U.S. to offer the most advanced radiosurgical treatment system available, Leksell Gamma Knife® Perfexion<sup>TM</sup>, Hoag's brain tumor program is the largest in Orange County and is also among the top volume programs in the western United States.