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## **Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Receives American College of Cardiology Performance Awards** *NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum and Silver awards recognize high standards of care*

**Henderson, NV – October 17, 2016** – Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican’s Siena campus has received the American College of Cardiology’s NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2016 and the San Martín campus has received the Silver Performance Achievement Award. The Siena campus is one of only 223 hospitals nationwide to win the Platinum Performance Award, and the San Martín campus is one of only 21 hospitals nationwide to win the Silver Performance Award.

The award recognizes St. Rose’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that St. Rose has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award, the Siena campus consistently followed the treatment guidelines in the ACTION Registry–GWTG Premier for eight consecutive quarters and has performed at the top level of standards for specific performance measures. To receive the Silver Performance Achievement Award, San Martín achieved a similar status for four consecutive quarters. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

“As both a Platinum Performance Award and Silver Performance Award recipient, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has shown it is a leader in implementing standards of care and protocols for its patients,” said Deepak L. Bhatt, M.D., M.P.H., FACC, FAHA, Chair, ACTION Registry-GWTG Chair; Executive Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Programs, Brigham and Women’s Hospital Heart and Vascular Center; and Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School. “By meeting the requirements set forth in the registry and establishing a culture of providing guideline-recommended therapy, St. Rose is saving lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients.”

The Center for Disease Control estimates that over 700,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. A heart attack occurs when a blood clot in a coronary artery partially or completely blocks blood flow to the heart muscle. Treatment guidelines include administering aspirin upon arrival and discharge, timely restoration of blood flow to the blocked artery, smoking cessation counseling and cardiac rehabilitation, among others.

“These awards are a proud achievement for St. Rose. It reflects the hard work and dedication of the staff that care for some of our most seriously ill patients and their families,” said Brian Brannman, senior vice president of operations for Dignity Health Nevada. “The implementation of these guidelines requires successful coordination of each campus’ cardiovascular team and emergency personnel and is a critical step in saving the lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients.”

ACTION Registry–GWTG is a partnership between the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association with partnering support from the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care. ACTION Registry-GWTG empowers health care provider teams to consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines and establishes a national standard for understanding and improving the quality, safety and outcomes of care provided for patients with coronary artery disease, specifically high-risk heart attack patients.

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**The American College of Cardiology** is a 52,000-member medical society that is the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team. The mission of the College is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College operates national registries to measure and improve care, offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions, provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research and bestows credentials upon cardiovascular specialists who meet stringent qualifications. For more, visit [acc.org](http://acc.org).

#### **About Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican**

As the community's only not-for-profit, religiously sponsored health system, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has been guided by the vision and core values of the Adrian Dominican Sisters for more than 65 years. As the Henderson and Las Vegas communities grow, the three St. Rose Dominican hospitals (the Rose de Lima, Siena and San Martín Campuses) and more than 3,400 employees will continue the Sisters' mission of serving people in need. St. Rose Dominican is a member of the 21-state Dignity Health network of nearly 11,000 physicians, 56,000 employees, and more than 300 care centers, including hospitals, urgent and occupational care, imaging centers, home health, and primary care clinics. For more information, visit our website at [strosehospitals.org](http://strosehospitals.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or our [Blog](#). St. Rose is hiring! To apply for an open position, visit our [careers](#) website.

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