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San Antonio Regional Hospital Receives the 2022 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Stroke Centers

Upland, CA, March 16, 2022 – San Antonio Regional Hospital has been named one of America's Best Stroke Centers by the [Women's Choice Award®](#), America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare. The award signifies that San Antonio Regional Hospital is in the **top 10%** of 4,728 U.S. hospitals offering stroke care services.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), one in five women in the United States will have a stroke in her lifetime. Nearly 60% of stroke deaths, a "brain attack," are in women, and stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer. Most alarming, [studies show](#) that women are more likely to be misdiagnosed for stroke even with the same symptoms present as men.

"Timely diagnosis and effective care are critical to preventing disability and improving chances of recovery. The time to identify your community's leading hospital for stroke care is right now, not in the middle of a medical emergency when every minute is precious," said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "We congratulate these hospitals and their dedication to education, prevention, and early intervention to reduce the devastating effects of stroke."

America's Best Stroke Centers are hospitals that hold a Stroke Center Certification, recognizing centers that meet high standards for stroke care as determined by the Joint Commission (JC) and/or Det Norske Veritas (DNV). Credit is given for certifications on a scale based on the degree of care available to the stroke patient.

It is the only award recognizing excellence in stroke care based on robust criteria that consider patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The methodology used to select San Antonio Regional Hospital as one of America’s Best Stroke Centers is unique in that it evaluates Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems ([HCAHPS](#)) [patient survey results](#) along with primary research about women’s healthcare preferences.

Hospitals that meet the stroke center certification requirement, must then meet or exceed the following performance measures from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS): Hospitals must also score in the top 80% of all hospitals in the percent of patients receiving Head CT scan results within 45 minutes, and cannot have received a rating of Worse than the National Rate for the Deaths from Serious Treatable Complications measure.

“Getting top care within the first three hours of a stroke is critical to preventing disability and improving chances of recovery” says Passi. “Our award educates women about where they—and their loved ones—have the best chance to return to a full life following a stroke.”

San Antonio Regional Hospital is one of 471 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for stroke care in the U.S. by the Women’s Choice Award.

“This endorsement from Women’s Choice ensures that women in our community can feel confident that when they suspect a possible stroke in themselves or a loved one, San Antonio has proven quality metrics when it comes to rapidly diagnosing and treating stroke patients,” commented John Chapman, President and CEO of San Antonio Regional Hospital.

For more information on the America’s Best Stroke Centers, please visit <https://womenschoiceaward.com/best-stroke-centers>

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ABOUT SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL HOSPITAL

San Antonio Regional Hospital in Upland, California is a 363-bed, nonprofit, acute care hospital that combines excellent clinical care with exceptional compassion. The award-winning hospital offers a comprehensive range of general medical and surgical services, along with the latest technological advances in cardiac care, cancer care, orthopedics, neurosciences, women’s health, maternity and neonatal care, and emergency services. Founded in 1907, with only 18 beds and 5 physicians, San Antonio Regional Hospital is continually growing with its community and is now recognized as a premier regional medical facility with satellite locations across the rapidly expanding Inland Empire. Given its broad geographic reach and the depth and breadth of its services and programs, supported by the latest medical science and technology, San Antonio is a hospital of the future, offering state-of-the-art healthcare services in a healing environment focused on the patient and family. To learn more, visit sarh.org.

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women's Choice Award for Best Hospitals™ is a trusted referral source and coveted credential that identifies the nation's best hospitals based on robust criteria that includes relevant clinical performance, patient satisfaction and appropriate accreditations. The Best Hospitals demonstrate exceptional ratings, providing the highest level of care and commitment to their patients' health and well-being. The Women's Choice Award is the only designation that takes into consideration the preferences of women when selecting a hospital. Visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/> to learn more.