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RIH Awarded Advanced Certification for Comprehensive Stroke Center

PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island Hospital has been recognized by The Joint Commission as meeting its standards for Disease-Specific Care Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification, one of 82 health care organizations nationwide to earn this designation.

Rhode Island Hospital submitted to a rigorous onsite review by the Joint Commission, which measured the hospital's performance against its Comprehensive Stroke Center standards and requirements including advanced imaging capabilities, uninterrupted availability of specialized treatments, and staff with the unique education and competencies to care for complex stroke patients.

Organizations seeking CSC certification must meet all of the general eligibility requirements for disease-specific care and primary stroke center certification. In addition, CSCs are required to:

- Have dedicated neuro-intensive care unit beds for complex stroke patients that provide neuro-critical care 24/7.
- Use advanced imaging capabilities.
- Meet strict requirements for providing care to patients with a diagnosis of subarachnoid hemorrhage; perform endovascular coiling or surgical clipping procedures for aneurysms; perform emergency retrieval of clots lodged in brain arteries; and administer IV tissue plasminogen activator (tPA).
- Coordinate post-hospital care for patients.
- Use a peer-review process to evaluate and monitor the care provided to patients with ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke.
- Participate in stroke research.

"By achieving this advanced certification, Rhode Island Hospital has thoroughly demonstrated the greatest level of commitment to the care of its patients with a complex stroke condition," said **MARK R. CHASSIN, MD**, Joint Commission president. ♦