



LAFAYETTE REGIONAL
HEALTH CENTER

**LAFAYETTE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS
COMMITMENT TO QUALITY CARE FOR
HEART ATTACKS IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY**

The American Heart Association presents the Get With The Guidelines® - Coronary Artery Disease STEMI Referring Center Bronze award for implementation of quality treatment, care coordination for heart attack patients

Lafayette Regional Health center has received the American Heart Association's [Get With The Guidelines® – Coronary Artery Disease](#) STEMI Referring Center Bronze recognition for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing a specific type of heart attack known as an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), known to be more severe and dangerous than other types of heart attacks.

Each year, more than 1 million cases of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) require hospitalization in the U.S., and about 30% of ACS cases are classified as STEMI, caused by a complete blockage in a coronary artery.¹ Like all heart attacks, this requires timely treatment to restore blood flow as quickly as possible.

Recognition as a STEMI Referring Center is designed to showcase hospitals of every size on the front lines of care that do not have 24/7 cardiac catheterization lab availability but work in collaboration with emergency medical services to ensure patients receive guideline-directed STEMI and NSTEMI care.

“Effective and timely care is crucial for patients experiencing a STEMI heart attack. The American Heart Association’s guidelines call for specific interventions for these patients both in-hospital and post-hospitalization,” said Abhinav Goyal, M.D., MHS, FACC, FAHA, volunteer chair of the American Heart Association Coronary Artery Disease System of Care Advisory Group.

The STEMI Referring Center award is earned by hospitals that demonstrate a commitment to getting patients the most up-to-date research-based care for STEMI as outlined by the American Heart Association.

“Lafayette Regional Health Center is dedicated to improving the quality of heart care, and the American Heart Association’s Get with The Guidelines program helps us achieve that goal,” said Pam Johnson, Administrative Director Support Services. “The program puts proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, so patients have the best possible chance of survival.”