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Trumbull Memorial Hospital Receives Chest Pain Center Accreditation



(Warren, OH June 8, 2009) – Trumbull Memorial Hospital received full Chest Pain Center Cycle II accreditation with PCI from the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC). The accreditation was awarded to the hospital for demonstrating expertise and commitment to quality patient care by meeting or exceeding stringent criteria and completing on-site evaluations by a SCPC review team. This marks the second Chest Pain Center Accreditation earned by Trumbull Memorial Hospital, which remains the region’s only hospital with this designation.

With chest pain, the most common heart attack symptom, responsible for more than five million emergency room visits each year and heart attack as the leading cause of death in the United States, accredited Chest Pain Centers improve the consistency and quality of cardiac patient care.

“This achievement is another step in our ongoing commitment to consistently provide the best care for our patients and the advancement of comprehensive cardiovascular care,” stated Robert Wolleben, Executive Vice President and COO, Trumbull Memorial Hospital.

The Mahoning Valley has a high prevalence of cardiac and pulmonary disease and an older population that is at high risk. The TMH Chest Pain Center raises the level of cardiovascular care available in the community. Early recognition of symptoms, combined with a quick diagnosis and early treatment, saves lives.

“The TMH Chest Pain Center provides state-of-the-art heart care by working seamlessly with area emergency medical services, the emergency department, cardiac cath lab, cardiovascular surgeons, and other hospital departments to ensure that patients get needed treatment quickly during the critical early stages of a heart attack,” said Toni Blank, Chest Pain Coordinator and Nurse Manager of 4 East.

Trumbull Memorial Hospital’s multidisciplinary chest pain team is ready 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to expedite life-saving treatment. Within 90 minutes or less, patients can go from the emergency department to cardiac cath lab for percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), such as angioplasty or stent placement, to widened arteries and restore blood flow to the heart. When necessary, cardiovascular surgery can be performed at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, the only comprehensive cardiac hospital in Trumbull County.

About the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC)

The Society of Chest Pain Centers is a patient centric non-profit international professional organization focused upon improving care for patients with acute coronary syndromes and other related maladies. Established in 1998, the Society is dedicated to patient advocacy and focusing on ischemic heart

disease. The Society promotes protocol based medicine, often delivered through a Chest Pain Center model to address the diagnosis and treatment of acute coronary syndromes, heart failure, and to promote the adoption of process improvement science by healthcare providers. The Society of Chest Pain Centers, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, provides accreditation to facilities striving for optimum Chest Pain Center care.

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