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ENMMC Announces New Chest Pain Center Accreditation

Roswell – Eastern New Mexico Medical Center is proud to announce it is now the first Accredited Chest Pain Center in the southern region of New Mexico and only the 2nd in the state. Building on its long-established reputation as a leader in cardiac care, ENMMC recently applied for and was granted full accreditation by the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC) – a designation held by only 12 percent of hospitals in the United States.

To receive accreditation, ENMMC has demonstrated its expertise and commitment to quality patient care by meeting or exceeding a wide set of stringent criteria and completing on-site evaluations by a SCPC review team. “This is momentous not only for our hospital and patients, but the community as well,” said ENMMC CEO Brad McGrath. “It’s another step in our commitment to providing superior emergency and cardiac care to the residents of Roswell and all of southern New Mexico. While the focus is on our emergency department, this accreditation is possible because of the work and commitment of a multi-disciplinary team that includes employees, physicians and EMS.”

Chest pain is among the top symptoms of patients who visit the ENMMC Emergency Department (ED). This designation means that any patient who comes to ENMMC experiencing chest pain can be confident he or she is receiving care that meets or exceeds the highest national standards of care. Positive patient outcomes depend on timely intervention, diagnosis and treatment. Cardiologists, emergency department physicians and patient care staff at the ENMMC Accredited Chest Pain Center consistently demonstrate expertise in streamlined diagnosis and treatment, integration with paramedics/EMS, community education and other key factors that ensure better outcomes for patients.

The investment in establishing an Accredited Chest Pain Center demonstrates Eastern New Mexico Medical Center’s ongoing commitment to providing superior team-centered cardiac care. “Quick response, diagnosis and treatment save lives and heart muscle,” says Cardiologist Clarence Pearson, MD., Medical Director of the new ENMMC Accredited Chest Pain Center. “Our skilled team of cardiologists, ED physicians and nurses, integration with paramedics/EMS, advanced technology and exceptional response time to cardiac emergencies will give patients the best chance of survival and recovery.”

“Care for chest pain patients starts long before they arrive at the hospital emergency room,” said Brian Powell, EMS Chief, Roswell Fire Department. “We work closely with the specialists at ENMMC and we’re proud to be involved with the hospital’s accreditation and specialized cardiac care that ultimately benefits our patients.”

The SCPC is a non-profit international society that promotes protocol-based medicine and the adoption of process improvement science by healthcare providers to address heart attacks and acute heart failure. The SCPC granted the ENMMC Chest Pain Center a full three-year accreditation.



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