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**West Jefferson Receives 2017 Women's Choice Award®
as one of America's Best Stroke Centers**



(Marrero, LA – May 2017) – [West Jefferson Medical Center](#) (WJMC) 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 West Jefferson is in the top 7% of 4,789 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 are in women, and stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer. Most alarming, the percentage of strokes in women under age 45 is increasing, [with studies showing](#) these women are more likely to be misdiagnosed.

"Timely diagnosis and effective care are critical to preventing disability and improving chances of recovery," said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "Our award educates women about where they—and their loved ones—have the best chance to return to a full life following a stroke."

A stroke center must be certified by the Joint Commission Stroke Certification Program as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and/or Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center to be considered for the award. 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 WJMC as one of America's Best Stroke Centers is unique in that it evaluates 30-day stroke mortality and readmission rates and Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems ([HCAHPS](#)) [survey results](#) along with primary research about women's healthcare preferences. Hospitals must also score in the top 80% of all hospitals in the following areas:

- Percent of patients receiving Head CT scan results within 45 minutes
- Percent of patients receiving Thrombolytic therapy
- Percent of patients receiving Stroke education

West Jefferson is one of 339 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for stroke care in the U.S. by the Women’s Choice Award.

“We are proud to have received the America’s Best Stroke Centers designation,” said Nancy R. Cassagne, President and CEO of West Jefferson Medical Center. “Our experienced team of physicians, nurses and staff work closely on a daily basis to ensure all of our patients receive the best care possible through prompt and progressive stroke treatments.”

For more information on the 2017 America’s Best Stroke Centers, please visit <https://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/healthcare/>

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ABOUT WEST JEFFERSON MEDICAL CENTER

Founded in 1956, (WJMC) is a 435-bed community hospital located in Marrero, La. As a full service medical center, WJMC offers comprehensive programs for preventive, emergency, acute and rehabilitative care with a medical staff of more than 400 physicians and a complement of 1,700 employees and many volunteers. The medical center enjoys national awards for clinical excellence across many of its subspecialties. WJMC is a proud member of LCMC Health, a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages award-winning community hospitals including Children’s Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.

ABOUT THE WOMEN’S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women’s Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women’s Choice Award was recently honored by the INC 5000 List of America’s Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2016 for a second consecutive year. Visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/> to learn more.

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