

UNC Health Blue Ridge Earns Award for Stroke Care

UNC Health Blue Ridge earned the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Gold Plus Award quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately leading to more lives saved and reduced disability.

"This award recognizes our team's commitment to providing quality patient care for our stroke population," said Sarah Van Horn, MSN, RN-BC, Patient Safety Officer. "We are very proud of our team and are excited to continue advancing stroke care within the region."

UNC Health Blue Ridge also received the American Heart Association's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet specific criteria that reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster alteplase.

In addition, UNC Health Blue



The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association proudly recognizes

UNC Health Blue Ridge
Morganton, NC

Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke GOLD PLUS with Target: Stroke Honor Roll and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll

Achievement Award Hospital

The American Heart Association recognizes this hospital for its continued success in using the **Get With The Guidelines®** program.

Thank you for applying the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve patient care and outcomes in the community you serve.*

Nancy Brown
Chief Executive Officer
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*For more information, please visit [Heart.org/GWTGQualityAwards](https://heart.org/GWTGQualityAwards).



Ridge earned the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Honor Roll award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.