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WCH Recognized as a Primary Stroke Center Meets standards to support better outcomes for stroke care.

Wooster, OH – April 30, 2019 – Wooster Community Hospital (WCH) received certification as a **Primary Stroke Center** from DNV-GL Healthcare, affirming the readiness of WCH to manage a full range of stroke-related medical problems.

Receiving certification emphasizes the hospital's commitment to offering advanced resources and to providing the best possible stroke care to the community. Additionally, this certification recognizes the importance of maintaining the equipment, personnel, and training necessary to assess and treat strokes quickly. Receiving certification validates the dedication and effort that WCH has put into its stroke program, ensuring patient health and safety. If necessary, WCH is also equipped to facilitate patient transfers for additional treatment.

The DNV-GL Healthcare Primary Stroke Center certification, based on standards set forth by the Brain Attack Coalition and The American Stroke Association, recognizes WCH as a full spectrum stroke care—diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and education facility that has established metrics to evaluate each patient outcome.

“WCH is proud to receive certification as a Primary Stroke Center. As the only Primary Stroke Center in Wayne County we feel this certification acknowledges that we are committed to a higher level of care and aim to help our patients return to living life as normally and quickly as possible,” said Stroke Program Coordinator Karrie Boss, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN.

About Wooster Community Hospital

Wooster Community Hospital (WCH) is a 172-bed, full-service and acute-care health facility located in Wooster, Ohio. WCH is an award-winning hospital that offers a complete range of inpatient and outpatient services. WCH continues to expand facilities and services to meet the needs of the community. WCH is the second-largest employer in Wayne County and was recently named a 100 Top Hospital by IBM Watson for the fifth time. Learn more at www.woosterhospital.org.

About DNV-GL

DNV-GL's stroke certification programs incorporate elements from NIAHO® hospital accreditation standards, as well as requirements from the Guidelines of the Brain Attack Coalition and recommendations of the American Stroke Association.

The emphasis these programs place on deploying a disciplined management system, combined with the relevant clinical best practices, sets DNV GL stroke certifications apart from other programs.

Hospitals seeking and maintaining a Stroke Center Certification must participate in the Medicare program and be in compliance with the CoPs, which may be demonstrated by maintaining accreditation with DNV GL or another approved CMS-approved accreditation organization. For more information, visit <https://www.dnvglhealthcare.com/certifications/stroke-certifications>.