



NEW ENGLAND

REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE

Proud Recipient
of the
Joint Commission's
Gold Seal of Approval™
for
Stroke Rehabilitation



Provides High Level of Care for Stroke Patients

WOBURN, Mass., May 18, 2010 - The Stroke Program at New England Rehabilitation Hospital (NERH) has earned the Gold Seal of Approval™ for health care quality. The Joint Commission awarded NERH Disease-Specific Care Certification for its Stroke Program's high level of quality and customer satisfaction.

To earn this distinction, a disease management program undergoes an extensive, unannounced, on-site evaluation by a team of Joint Commission reviewers every two years. The program is evaluated against Joint Commission standards through an assessment of a program's processes, the program's ability to evaluate and improve care within its own organization, and interviews with patients and staff.

"This certification means New England Rehabilitation Hospital does the right things and does them well for Stroke Program," said Jean E. Range, M.S., R.N., C.P.H.Q., executive director, Disease-Specific Care Certification, Joint Commission.

"New England Rehab voluntarily pursued this comprehensive, independent evaluation to enhance the safety and quality of care we provide," said Joel Rudin, CEO of NERH. "We're proud to achieve this distinction."

The Joint Commission launched its Disease-Specific Care Certification program in 2002. It is the first program of its kind in the country to certify disease management programs.

About the Joint Commission

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. Learn more about the Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

About New England Rehabilitation Hospital

New England Rehabilitation Hospital is a licensed 210-bed comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital, which includes two off-campus satellite units, a 20-bed satellite unit in Danvers at the former Hunt Center and a 22-bed satellite unit in Lowell at the former St. Joseph's Hospital. New England Rehabilitation Hospital also offers an array of area outpatient rehabilitation centers. Based in Woburn, MA, and serving the greater region of eastern Massachusetts for over 40 years New England Rehabilitation Hospital remains committed to a personal caring approach.