

## AWARDS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND SPECIALTY DESIGNATIONS

### Primary Stroke Center at Sinai Hospital

In 2016, the Stroke Center at Sinai Hospital was certified for the fifth time since 2005 as a Primary Stroke Center by The Joint Commission. This national-level certification emphasizes the high-level, comprehensive care that is provided at Sinai to patients with stroke.



The Stroke Center was also once again designated in 2012 as a Primary Stroke Center by The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. This state-level certification signifies that the Center meets the unique and specialized needs of patients with stroke and has the critical elements to achieve long-term success in improving outcomes for these patients.



The Stroke Center has a strong history of being awarded for its excellence by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. In 2016, the efforts of the stroke team were once again distinguished with the **Get With The Guidelines (GWTG)-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus**. This award recognizes the hospital's commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized guidelines. To receive the **Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award**, hospitals must achieve  $\geq 85\%$  adherence to all GWTG-Stroke achievement indicators for  $\geq 2$  consecutive 12-month periods and achieve  $\geq 75\%$  compliance with 5 of 8 GWTG-Stroke quality measures



To qualify for the **Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus**, a hospital must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between patients' arrival at the hospital and their treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator (tPA, i.e., alteplase), the only drug approved by the US FDA to treat ischemic stroke. Sinai Hospital earned the award by achieving the following specific quality measures for diagnosing and treating patients with stroke:

1. Door-to-needle time of  $\leq 60$  min in 75% of eligible patients
2. Door-to-needle time of DTN  $\leq 45$  min in 50% of eligible patients.

### Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Sinai Hospital

The Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Sinai Hospital has been designated a Level 4 Center by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC), making it one of only four in Maryland with this designation. Level 4 designation means that the Sinai Comprehensive Epilepsy Center has "the professional expertise and facilities to provide the highest level of medical and surgical evaluation and treatment for patients with complex epilepsy," according to the NAEC.



### Neuromuscular/Electrodiagnostic Program

The BSI neuromuscular/electrodiagnostic laboratory received Accreditation with Exemplary status from the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). The highest level of accreditation that a center can receive from the AANEM, this designation ensures that patients receive quality medical care in a safe environment.



The Sandra and Malcolm Berman Brain & Spine Institute (BSI) has been designated as a Neuroscience Center of Excellence, based on the latest national survey conducted by NeuStrategy of Chicago. The BSI's Specialty Center designation cites it as a state-of-the-art hospital within a hospital. This survey is an annual report card for more than 150 hospitals in 41 states that measures hospital neuroscience initiatives in 4 key areas: programs, staff, facility and technology, and business.



**The Sandra and Malcolm Berman Brain & Spine Institute is the only comprehensive, integrated inpatient and outpatient program in Maryland dedicated to improving outcomes in patients with diseases of the nervous system and spine.**