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Meadows Regional Medical Center Receives Mission: Lifeline Silver Receiving Achievement Award **[1]**

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Vidalia, GA, 2019 — Meadows Regional Medical Center has received the Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program's goal is to reduce system barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, beginning with the 9-1-1 call, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. The initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines.

Meadows Regional Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for quick and appropriate treatment through emergency procedures to re-establish blood flow to blocked arteries in heart attack patients coming into the hospital directly or by transfer from another facility. "Meadows Cardiovascular Team is dedicated to providing optimal care for heart attack patients," said Travis Roose, Meadows Assistant Vice President of Cardiovascular Services. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in cardiac care through Mission: Lifeline."

"We commend Meadows Regional Medical Center for this award in recognition for following evidence-based guidelines for timely heart attack treatment," said Tim Henry, M.D., **Chair of the Mission: Lifeline** Acute Coronary Syndrome Subcommittee. "We applaud the significant institutional commitment to their critical role in the system of care for quickly and appropriately treating heart attack patients."

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About Meadows Regional Medical Center:
Meadows Regional Medical Center is the hub of Meadows Health, a rural health system based in Vidalia, Georgia. Meadows includes a 57-bed acute care hospital with over 60 physicians and more than 1,100 employees providing the rural region with primary care as well as secondary care services as complex as interventional cardiology, radiation and medical oncology and hyperbaric oxygen wound care. Meadows Regional is an award-winning hospital accredited by DNV-GL. For more information, visit www.meadowsregional.org [2].

About Mission: Lifeline

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program helps hospitals and emergency medical services develop systems of care that follow proven standards and procedures for STEMI patients. The program works by mobilizing teams across the continuum of care to implement American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology Foundation clinical treatment guidelines. For more information, visit **heart.org** [3].

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