Stroke Team Gets the Gold

Winthrop-University Hospital, a New York State-designated Primary Stroke Center, was recently recognized by the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's (AHA/ASA) Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) Program with the Gold level quality achievement award for stroke patient care.

The GWTG program is a quality-improvement program that helps hospitals ensure that patients consistently receive cardiac and stroke care in accordance with the most up-to-date scientific guidelines and recommendations. The Gold award recognizes hospitals who achieve performance scores of 85 percent or greater compliance with quality standards for more than 24 consecutive months.

Members of Winthrop's Stroke Team and members of Winthrop's Administration celebrate the Hospital's Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) Program Gold level quality achievement award for stroke patient care.

Pictured are (front row, l.-r.): Teresa Rodgers, RN, LCSW, Nurse Coordinator, Department of Neuroscience; Jay Yasen, MD, Director of Stroke Service at Winthrop; John F. Collins, President and CEO of Winthrop; Michael Brisman, MD, Chief of the Division of Neurosurgery and Co-Director of Winthrop's Neuroscience Special Care Unit; Malcolm Gottesman, MD, Chief of Neurology and Director of Winthrop's Multiple Sclerosis Treatment Program; Solomon Torres, Vice President, Administration; Elzbieta Wirkowski, MD, Director of the Cerebrovascular Program and Co-Director of Winthrop's Neuroscience Special Care Unit;and Nabil Zareif, NIOM, EEG,EP, EEG Lab. Back Row (l.-r.): Rafaelina Dowd, Administrative Director of the Department of Surgery; Karin Antaky, FNP, Cerebrovascular Nurse Practitioner; Kathleen Michel, FNP, Administrative Director & Coordinator of Cerebrovascular Program; Janice McGuinness, RN, Nurse Manager, Neurological Step Down Unit; Mark Menniti Stecker, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Department of Neuroscience; and Garry Schwall, Winthrop's Chief Operating Officer.