

## WINTHROP-UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S STROKE TEAM GETS THE GOLD

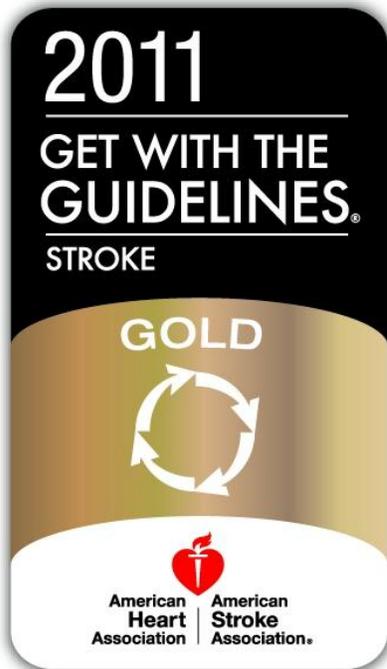


(L.-R) Jay Yasen, MD, Director of Stroke Service at Winthrop; Karin Antaky, FNP, Cerebrovascular Nurse Practitioner at Winthrop; and Kathleen Michel, FNP, Administrative Director & Coordinator of Cerebrovascular Program at Winthrop, accept the Gold Stroke Award at the ASA's International Stroke Conference.

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. Winthrop was recognized at the International Stroke Conference in February.

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.

“The Get With The Guidelines Gold award underscores Winthrop’s commitment to quality stroke care by ensuring that our patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted standards and recommendations,” said John F. Collins, Winthrop’s President & CEO.



“It requires a lot of diligent work and continuous monitoring by physicians, physician assistants and nurses to provide proper care for stroke victims,” said Elzbieta Wirkowski, MD, Director of the Cerebrovascular Program at Winthrop, and Medical Director of the Neuro Special Care Unit. “Thanks to a very devoted Stroke Team at Winthrop, which is available 24/7, the dedication of the Team in our Neurosciences Unit, as well as the rapid response of staff to patients exhibiting stroke symptoms in the Emergency Department, Winthrop has once again been recognized for excellence.”

As a regional leader in the field of neurosciences, Winthrop was named a New York State Stroke Center in 2005. Designated centers include a specialized unit — such as the Neuro Special Care Unit at Winthrop —

dedicated to stroke care with a 24/7 on-call multidisciplinary Stroke Team capable of administering care and adhering to the most up-to-date scientific guidelines and recommendations at a moment’s notice. Winthrop treats more than 500 stroke patients annually and offers a free stroke support group for survivors and their families.

For more information about stroke care at Winthrop, call 1-866-WINTHROP or visit [www.winthrop.org](http://www.winthrop.org).