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MCA First, Only Accredited Chest Pain Center in Arlington, Mansfield or Grand Prairie

ARLINGTON, TX- Medical Center of Arlington is the first acute-care hospital in Arlington to achieve full Chest Pain Center accreditation status from the Society of Chest Pain Centers on August 1.

“This is an exciting accomplishment for MCA,” said Patrick Brilliant, MCA CEO, “This accreditation not only focuses on achievements in our outstanding emergency department, but also on the entire continuum of care we offer heart patients in our community.”

Approximately five million people enter hospitals with chest pain every year. Being able to quickly assess chest pain symptoms and determine the best most efficient care is vital for many patients’ survival. The Medical Center of Arlington saw more than 50,000 patients in its emergency department in 2004, complimented by a growing cardiac catheterization volume, heart surgeries and other progressive heart treatments.

MCA has committed the personnel and space resources as well as appropriate equipment and protocols to insure the best possible outcome for anyone presenting at Medical Center of Arlington with chest pain. While only 10 to 15 percent of patients that present with chest pain actually have an acute myocardial infarction (AMI), or heart attack, the early recognition and rapid response are paramount when it comes to cardiac care.

Quality improvement efforts in cardiac care at MCA also recently ranked them higher than local competitors as scored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. MCA was also recognized this year by the American Heart Association for their work on coronary artery disease management in the “Get With The Guidelines” program.

For the Arlington, Mansfield and Grand Prairie communities this means that MCA is able, willing and recognized as providing the most thorough and comprehensive chest pain care in these communities.



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The Society of Chest Pain Centers is a patient centric non-profit international professional organization focused upon improving care for patients with acute coronary syndromes and other maladies. The Society promotes protocol-based medicine, often delivered through a Chest Pain Center model to address the diagnosis and treatment of acute coronary syndromes, heart failure, and to promote the adoption of process improvement science by healthcare providers.

Medical Center of Arlington is an acute-care full service hospital serving south Arlington, Mansfield and Grand Prairie communities. MCA offers a variety of services from labor and delivery to off-pump beating heart surgery. MCA is also proud to offer a variety of community education programs to enrich the lives of our patients, guests and neighbors. For more information about MCA, visit medicalcenterarlington.com.