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### ATLANTIC NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE RECOGNIZED FOR IMPLEMENTING QUALITY STROKE AND CARDIAC CARE

**SUMMIT, NJ JANUARY 14, 2009** — The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association is recognizing Overlook Hospital in Summit and Morristown Memorial Hospital, both part of the prestigious Atlantic Neuroscience Institute, for its performance in treating stroke and cardiac patients using the association's *Get With The Guidelines*<sup>SM</sup> (GWTG) program. Overlook Hospital and Morristown Memorial Hospital join 518 other hospitals throughout the United States with this achievement.

GWTG is a hospital based quality-improvement program designed to ensure that hospitals consistently care for stroke and cardiac patients following the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations. The program provides three modules that address coronary artery disease, heart failure and stroke. Currently more than 1,450 hospitals use one or more GWTG modules.

Upon meeting each module's criteria, hospitals are recognized if at least 85 percent of their cardiac or stroke patients are treated and discharged according to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's recommendations.

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's advertisement recognizes Overlook Hospital and Morristown Memorial Hospital's commitment and success in performance achievement.

"The American Heart Association is pleased to recognize its top Get With The Guidelines participants," said Gregg C. Fonarow, M.D., national chairman, Get With The Guidelines steering committee and director, Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center. "The program makes it easier for hospitals like Overlook and Morristown Memorial to provide appropriate evidence-based care and ultimately improve the quality of life and help reduce the number of deaths in these heart and stroke patients."

"We are proud that the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association recognize Overlook and Morristown Memorial for our achievements in their Get With The Guidelines program," said John J. Halperin, medical director, Atlantic Neuroscience Institute. "Get With The Guidelines gives our professionals the tools and reports they need to effectively treat our coronary heart disease, heart failure and stroke patients."

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