

Riverview Hospital Achieves Prestigious Chest Pain Center Accreditation

Only Hospital in Hamilton County

The Society of Chest Pain Centers has granted the designation of Accredited Chest Pain Center to Riverview Hospital, making it the only hospital in Hamilton County – and the only facility between Beech Grove and Fort Wayne – to be accredited.

“Several years ago, Riverview made the commitment to bring the most comprehensive cardiology program to Noblesville and surrounding communities,” said Tammi Nash, RN, Director of the Heart & Vascular Center. “From state-of-the-art cath labs to open heart surgeries, this accreditation is the culmination of years of dedication and commitment to quality.”

The Society’s Accreditation Review Team granted Riverview the coveted accreditation “with percutaneous coronary interventions,” or “PCI.” This means that the hospital is also accredited for stent placements and balloon angioplasties offered 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Riverview is the only full service hospital in Hamilton County offering PCI with open heart surgical capabilities.

“The granting of full accreditation as a Chest Pain Center is a powerful statement for the entire north-Indy metro area,” said Lynne Bunch, RN, Director of Emergency Services at Riverview. Bunch noted that the Emergency staff, physicians, and caregivers throughout the Riverview organization have worked to ensure that patients with chest pain receive the best care available.

The accreditation process was a huge undertaking involving time and commitment from throughout the organization, according to Pat Fox, Riverview Hospital President/CEO. “Everyone came together to support this initiative, particularly the cardiologists at Hamilton Heart, and the physicians with Riverview Emergency Medical Group,” she said. She also noted that leadership from the Heart & Vascular Center, Emergency Center, nursing, and a variety of departments were integral to the success of this initiative.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States, with more than 430,000 deaths each year. Over 1.2 million Americans experience a heart attack every year. Chest Pain Centers in full service heart hospitals, like Riverview, have been shown to significantly decrease the likelihood of death from a heart attack.

Riverview’s Heart & Vascular Center achieved a 5 Star designation from Gannett News Service/Indianapolis Star in 2006 and continues to far exceed state and national standards for heart attack and heart failure treatment protocols. To learn more about how Riverview measures up, visit www.riverview.org and click on the Hospital Report Card.