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TEXAS REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF FT. WORTH TEAMS WITH AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION/AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION IN THE ‘TOGETHER TO END STROKE’ INITIATIVE

FT. WORTH, TX (October 3, 2017) – Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth today announced its sponsorship of the American Heart Association (AHA)/American Stroke Association’s (ASA) “Together to End Stroke” initiative to raise awareness that stroke is beatable through high-quality rehabilitation, patient support and implementation of the AHA/ASA’s recent Stroke Rehabilitation and Recovery Guidelines.

This initiative will allow Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth and the AHA/ASA to better inform the community of the best options for treatment outlined in the associations’ expert rehabilitation guidelines. With a stroke occurring every 40 seconds in the United States, it is vital that local patients, families, caregivers and clinicians are aware that overcoming a stroke through high-quality rehabilitation is possible when patients get the right care in the right setting at the right time. Educational materials along with newsletters and social media efforts will help build that awareness.

“We are excited to team with the national experts in stroke education and treatment to best serve residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth area in recognizing the signs of a stroke, seeking immediate treatment, and continuing recovery in the appropriate rehabilitation setting,” said Jake Daggett, CEO of Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth. “Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and disability in this country, and this initiative is a major step in curtailing its impact.”

“The American Stroke Association is pleased to be collaborating with Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth to accelerate adoption of our stroke rehabilitation guidelines,” said Mitchell S. V. Elkind, MD, MS, FAAN, FAHA, Professor of Neurology and Epidemiology at Columbia University and the chairman of the American Stroke Association. “It is critical that stroke patients receive the type and quality of rehab that will maximize their recovery and quality of life.”

Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth is a 66-bed, state-of-the-art inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) dedicated to the treatment and recovery of individuals who have experienced the debilitating effects of a severe injury or illness but are physically able to begin more intense rehabilitation. This type of setting has been deemed most appropriate for stroke patients who can tolerate up to three hours of rehab daily in the AHA/ASA guidelines released in 2016.

To learn more about Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth, visit its website at www.texasrehabhospital.com or contact Jake Daggett at 817.820.3400. To discover more about the 'Together to End Stroke' initiative, visit www.strokeassociation.org/recovery.

About Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth

Texas Rehabilitation Hospital of Ft. Worth is a partnership between Texas Health Resources and Kindred Healthcare. This collaboration allows us to provide improved clinical outcomes and a higher quality of care, resulting in the best rehabilitation service for the needs of our patients and the community.

About the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association

The American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association are devoted to saving people from heart disease and stroke – the two leading causes of death in the world. We team with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases. The Dallas-based American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. The American Stroke Association is a division of the American Heart Association. To learn more or to get involved, call 1-800-AHA-USA1, visit www.heart.org or call any of our offices around the country. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).