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Stormont-Vail HealthCare – Cotton-O’Neil Heart Center receives American College of Cardiology Foundation’s NCDR ACTION Registry- GWTG™ Gold Performance Achievement Award

(Topeka, Kan., Oct. 27, 2009) – In August, the Cotton-O’Neil Heart Center, part of Stormont-Vail HealthCare system received the American College of Cardiology Foundation’s NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG (Get With the Guidelines) Gold Performance Achievement Award for 2009. This makes Stormont-Vail and the Cotton-O’Neil Heart Center one of only 121 hospitals nationwide to do so. The award recognized the Heart Center’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients, and signifies that the Heart Center has reached an aggressive goal of treating coronary artery disease patients with 85 percent compliance to core standard levels of care outlined by the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the ACTION Registry–GWTG Gold Performance Achievement Award, Stormont-Vail HealthCare – Cotton-O’Neil Heart Center consistently followed the treatment guidelines in ACTION Registry–GWTG for 24 consecutive months. These guidelines include aggressive use of medications like cholesterol-lowering drugs, beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, aspirin and anticoagulants.

Participation in the ACTION Registry–GWTG reflects the commitment of our cardiologists and clinicians to the practice of evidence-based medicine and our drive to exceed the national guidelines, said Joseph Hopeck, administrative director of the Cardiovascular Service Line at Stormont-Vail HealthCare. It is clear from the superior clinical results we’ve achieved treating patients suffering from heart attacks that our ongoing commitment to adopting and implementing these national guidelines for treatment have succeeded in saving lives, added Hopeck.