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**AnMed Health earns Platinum Performance  
Achievement Award for heart attack care**

*(Anderson, S.C. – Oct. 22, 2012)* – AnMed Health is one of only 164 hospitals nationwide to receive the American College of Cardiology Foundation's 2012 NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award.

The award recognizes AnMed Health's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients. It also signifies that AnMed Health has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award, AnMed Health consistently followed the treatment guidelines in the ACTION Registry–GWTG Premier for eight consecutive quarters and met a performance standard of 90 percent for specific performance measures. Following these treatment guidelines improves adherence to ACC/AHA Clinical Guideline recommendations, monitors drug safety and the overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

“The American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association commend AnMed Health for its success in implementing standards of care and protocols. The full implementation of acute and secondary prevention guideline-recommended therapy is a critical step in saving the lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients,” said Dr. Gregg C. Fonarow, FACC, FAHA, ACTION Registry-GWTG Steering Committee chair and director of Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center.

ACTION Registry–GWTG is a partnership between the American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association with partnering support from the American College of Emergency Physicians, Society of Chest Pain Centers and the Society of Hospital Medicine. ACTION Registry-GWTG empowers health care providers to consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines and establishes a national standard for understanding and improving the quality, safety and outcomes of care provided for patients with coronary artery disease, specifically high-risk heart attack patients.

