

# The goal is saving lives

## REGIONAL TRAUMA AND STROKE CENTER



### Altoona Regional Health System

A nonprofit community health care system

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EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE. EXCEPTIONAL HEALTH CARE.

You count on us for advanced health care. So when a statewide study revealed that stroke deaths in our region were higher than in other regions across Pennsylvania, we knew we had to take effective action. Simply being good would not be good enough. We needed to be exceptional. After a lot of hard work by our stroke program staff, we earned certification as a Primary Stroke Center from The Joint Commission in 2006. This year, our center became one of fewer than 20 in the state to earn the American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Gold Plus Performance Achievement Award.\* The award demonstrates our commitment to being one of the top hospitals in the country for providing aggressive, proven stroke care. Exactly what you were counting on.



\* From the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association as of May 1, 2010