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Local Heart Attack Treatment Times Among Best in State.

HOLLAND – Recently released comparison data from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Cardiovascular Consortium (BMC2) shows that Holland Hospital’s treatment time for heart attack patients is among the best the state as compared with other hospitals that have a primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) program.

The data shows that Holland Hospital has a “door to balloon” median treatment time of 66 minutes for patients receiving PCI, a life-saving procedure that opens clogged heart blood vessels in the event of a heart attack. That compares to a statewide median treatment time of 83 minutes for hospitals that perform primary PCI.

“Our team does remarkable work and the BMC2 data reflects that,” says Todd Knight, RN, BSN, CVRN, Director of Invasive and Interventional Procedures. “The community is fortunate to have these capabilities close to home and we are certainly proud of all the staff members and departments who work together to make the primary PCI program a success.”

‘Door to balloon’ is the term used for the critical period of time from patient arrival in the Emergency Department to the restoration of blood flow in a blocked heart blood vessel. Since Holland Hospital began performing primary PCIs in 2005, the hospital has consistently recorded treatment times that are more efficient than the statewide average.

“The on-call team, including off-site cardiac interventionalists, has demonstrated amazing dedication and priority to this quality life-saving program,” says Knight. “In addition, the data shows our team performed consistently better than the average of other PCI hospitals in making sure our patients receive appropriate medications on arrival and at discharge, are provided with counseling for smoking cessation, and are referred to cardiac rehabilitation.”

BMC2 is a collaborative consortium of health care providers in Michigan which was created in 1997. The BMC2 registry currently includes data on over 100,000 PCI cases collected from 21 hospitals. The University of Michigan has been the coordinating center for BMC2 since it began.

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