

HOSPITAL LEVELS OF CARE



Acute Stroke Ready Hospital

- Stabilize and provide emergency care for acute stroke patients
- ability to provide IV thrombolytics
- Transfer protocols in place to PSC or CSC

Primary Stroke Center (PSC)

- Stabilize and provide emergency care for patients with acute stroke
- Acute stroke team available 24/7
- Access to a neurologist 24/7 via in person or telemedicine
- Ability to provide IV thrombolytics
- Designated stroke beds
- Either admit or transfer to a CSC

Thrombectomy Stroke Capable (TSC)

- Support all levels of stroke care as a PSC
- Able to perform thrombectomy/endovascular treatment

Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC)

- Have the capability to support all needed levels of care to stroke patients as a PSC and TSC
- Advanced imaging
- 24/7 availability of neurosurgical services, including ability to clip and coil aneurysms (and meet certain volume requirements)
- Ability to meet concurrently emerging needs of multiple complex stroke patients
- Ability to perform thrombectomy/endovascular treatment
- Participate in IRB research
- Increased education requirements for staff