

The Stroke Program at Atrium



The Stroke Program at Atrium Medical Center meets the highest national standards for the care of stroke patients – including Primary Stroke Center Certification from The Joint Commission. This distinction underscores our commitment to provide outstanding stroke care for residents of Southwest Ohio.

Atrium's Stroke Program has demonstrated:

- Compliance with strict national standards
- Effective use of primary stroke center recommendations and clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care
- Performance measurement and improvement activities

Our Stroke Team includes experts in:

- Neurology and Neurosurgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Cardiology
- Radiology
- Nursing
- Laboratory
- Social Services
- Rehabilitation

Directed by a fellowship-trained neurologist, our expert team works together to determine the precise location of a stroke, the cause and the amount of damage.

We also offer:

- Thrombolytic (tPA) administration
- A comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Program for stroke survivors

- Outpatient rehabilitation services
- Diagnostic studies
- Stroke support group for survivors and family members
- Yearly screenings to help individuals assess their risk for having a stroke and manage risk factors

Telemedicine Technology

Telemedicine devices are available in Atrium's Emergency Trauma Center, Intensive Care Unit and across Premier Health to speed definitive care to patients experiencing acute strokes.

The telemedicine approach allows the team of stroke neurologists who share on-call duties across the health system to consult remotely using computer technology and a two-way video terminal wheeled to the patient's bedside. From their own notebook computer, the neurologists can "see" the patient, ask questions and view CT scans - all in real-time - to assess the patient's condition and help the on-site physician determine if the patient is a candidate for clot-dissolving medication or another form of acute stroke therapy.

Telemedicine enables physicians specifically trained in acute stroke care to be electronically transported to the patient's bedside instantly. Such timely interactions with the family, ER physician and most importantly, the patient, allow for a thorough and rapid patient evaluation.

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