



American Stroke Association.
A division of the American Heart Association.

Together to End Stroke®

Stroke Transport Recommendations

LVO Stroke Suspected?

NO

YES

Transport to closest stroke center.
*Primary Stroke Center (PSC) or
Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (ASRH)*

Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC) or
Thrombectomy-capable Stroke Center (TSC)
within 60 (rural) 45 (suburban) or 30 (urban)
minutes max transport time?

NO

YES

**Transport
to nearest
PSC or ASRH.**

**Transport to CSC
unless more than
30 minutes
additional transport
time past nearest
TSC.**



— Support a Stroke System of Care —

Far too many people die or are disabled from stroke because they do not get available live saving treatment quickly enough. Timely treatment can mean the difference between returning to work or becoming permanently disabled, living at home, or living in a nursing home. It can be a difference between life and death. The American Stroke Association is working to prevent stroke and improve the quality of care that stroke patients receive by supporting the development and implementation of a stroke system of care, which will designate a tiered system of care and establish transport protocols for EMS professionals.

New studies show that for patients having a severe ischemic stroke known as emergent large vessel occlusion (ELVO), a type of stroke surgery known as neuroendovascular surgery can reduce mortality and serious disability by half.

Not all strokes are the same. While many hospitals may be able to treat different types of strokes, we need a stroke system that prioritizes patients' outcomes above all else. 2 million brain cells die each minute a stroke goes untreated. Going to a hospital that isn't equipped to treat severe strokes wastes valuable time and puts a patient's full recovery at risk. Just like heart attack and trauma which require a field severity assessment and immediate transport to a facility equipped to treat, stroke shouldn't be any different!

Support HB#2253 Rep. Cusack and SB#1477 Senator Montigny