

**TeleSpecialists TeleStroke Copy for Hospital Website**

***Please note:*** *We encourage each hospital to meet with their stroke coordinator and tailor the copy below to suit their facility’s specific protocols.*

We are proud to partner with TeleSpecialists to provide 24/7/365 high quality stroke care to the community.

**What Is TeleStroke?**

When saving brain cells, every second counts. Emergency stroke support with TeleSpecialists’ TeleStroke program can save lives and allow for better patient outcomes. Here at [Hospital Name], our Emergency Department (ED) team and TeleSpecialists’ TeleNeurologists integrate seamlessly to create a streamlined and effective response to diagnose and treat stroke patients, and other emergent neurological issues.

With prearrival stroke alert notification, ED staff mobilizes our stroke team and contacts TeleSpecialists so that a physician response is available as soon as EMS brings the patient in. This capability places a board-certified, US-based, stroke-trained neurologist on-screen in an average of three minutes. The TeleNeurologist will stay on-screen with the patient throughout the episode of care.

Fast diagnosis and timely treatment are the hallmarks of our TeleStroke program. Patients who receive rapid triage and treatment regularly experience drastically improved outcomes and higher quality of life.

**How TeleStroke Works**

Here is an example of TeleStroke experience:

1. If an EMS patient is presenting with stroke symptoms, the hospital staff calls TeleSpecialists’ Rapid Response Call Center to request a TeleNeurologist consult, where a physician is on screen ready to meet the patient in an average of three minutes.
2. As ED staff prepares for an incoming stroke alert, the charge nurse retrieves the telecart to meet the patient.
3. EMS reports to the ED nurse, physician, and TeleNeurologist.
4. The ED physician performs a brief exam, which is observed by the TeleNeurologist.
5. The patient is swiftly transferred to Radiology for a CT scan.
6. A radiologist is notified that the stroke alert patient’s CT scan must receive priority reading status.
7. The radiologist, TeleNeurologist, and ED physician discuss the CT scan results and make recommendations.
8. With a nurse assisting the TeleNeurologist, a focused neurological examination and full stroke assessment is performed.
9. The ED physician, TeleNeurologist, and ED staff continue with an in-depth neurological assessment, decision on treatment, and transition of the patient to a hospital room.

If you or a loved one is experiencing signs and symptoms of stroke, please call 911 immediately!