



**CENTRAL OHIO TRAUMA SYSTEM
STROKE CARE INITIATIVE TASK FORCE**

ATTESTATION OF PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS' ACUTE STROKE CARE CAPABILITIES

The Stroke Care Initiative Task Force Committee of the Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) was established in December 2007 to convene a group of emergency care and neurological experts in the Greater Columbus, Ohio area. The initial purpose of the group as specified by the COTS Board of Trustees was to “discover what is needed and what is possible” around acute stroke care in Central Ohio. As the group began to meet and discuss issues related to acute stroke care, the group specified its goal as “to develop guidelines and delineate capabilities so that people experiencing acute stroke symptoms are accurately identified and transported to destinations that provide optimal emergency stroke care.” The ultimate intent is to consistently provide a high-standard of emergency care for acute stroke patients in Central Ohio.

To address this goal, a four-component initiative was planned by the Task Force that includes:

- (1) Establishing a regional acute stroke screening tool for EMS Providers in the region;
- (2) Assessing and documenting participating hospitals' stroke capabilities;
- (3) Creating a plan for education of EMS personnel around acute stroke assessment and care; and
- (4) Instituting a regional PI process to address regional issues in acute stroke care.

The information contained on the following page addresses the documentation of participating hospitals' stroke care capabilities (part of #2 described above). To establish this document, a stroke care capabilities assessment was completed by each participating hospital and signed by the hospital CEO to “attest” to the factualness of the information provided to COTS. The intent of the attached Attestation of Participating Hospitals' Acute Stroke Care Capabilities is to serve as a reference for EMS providers to aid in transport decisions for their stroke patients. This document is not intended to be used in isolation of the other three parts of the initiative. The *COTS Stroke Alert Tool*, the *Emergency Services Training Module on Acute Stroke Assessment & Acute Stroke Care Guidelines* which include information on activating a “Stroke Alert” for acute stroke victims bound for local stroke-care-capable emergency departments, and the *White Paper Recommendations for Continuous Quality Improvement in the Care of Acute Stroke Victims among Central Ohio EMS Agencies and Emergency Departments* should all be components of the Central Ohio emergency service provider's plan of care for stroke victims.

For questions about the attached Attestation of Participating Hospitals' Acute Stroke Care Capabilities, contact COTS at nbechtel@goodhealthcolumbus.org or phone (614)2407419.

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	DUBLIN METHODIST HOSPITAL	DOCTORS HOSPITAL	GRANT MEDICAL CENTER	MOUNT CARMEL EAST	MOUNT CARMEL ST. ANN'S	MOUNT CARMEL WEST	The OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL EAST	The OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER	NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL*	RIVERSIDE METHODIST HOSPITAL
Hospital is currently certified by The Joint Commission (TJC) as a Primary Stroke Center	No	No	YES	YES	No	YES	No	YES	No	YES
Hospital is not certified by TJC but is currently seeking TJC certification	No	No			No		No		No	
Hospital administers IV tPA to all eligible patients on a 24/7/365 basis	No	No	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Typical disposition of acute stroke patient after starting IV tPA	---	---	ADMIT	ADMIT	ADMIT	ADMIT	TRANSFERS	ADMIT	ADMIT	ADMIT
*Hospital provides neuro-interventional therapies 24/7/365 for acute stroke patients who are ineligible for IV tPA	No	No	YES	YES	No	No	No	YES	No	YES
Hospital Contact for stroke-related patient & community education	None specific	Cynthia Wagner, RN, CNS	Cathy Hulse, RN	Debi Wilson, RN	Debi Wilson, RN	Janet McNaughton, RN	Linda Kukura, RN	Linda Kukura, RN	Sherri Kovach, RN & Ann Hoffman, RN	Diana Brown, RN
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*Treatment of pediatric stroke varies from adult therapies. All pediatric patients (<16 years of age) with signs of acute stroke should be transferred to NCH without delay.