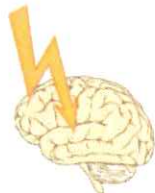




SAVE LIVES BY SUPPORTING SB 13-225 STROKE & STEMI DESIGNATIONS

DESIGNATIONS are earned based on an evaluation of hospital infrastructure, services, personnel, and quality of care. They offer transparency in a hospital's readiness to treat specific patient populations.



STROKE

COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTER (CSC)

Provides highly specialized treatment for patients who suffer from the most complex strokes or stroke complications.

PRIMARY STROKE CENTER (PSC)

Facilities that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care. Achievement of certification signifies that the services provided have the critical elements to achieve long-term success in improving outcomes. It is the best signal to the community that the quality care provided is effectively managed to meet the unique and specialized needs of stroke patients.

HEART ATTACK (STEMI)



HEART ATTACK (STEMI) RECEIVING CENTER

Has the equipment, expertise and facilities to administer percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), a mechanical means of treating heart attack patients, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week regardless of diversion status of the emergency room.

HEART ATTACK (STEMI) REFERRING CENTER

Can administer clot-busting medicines that meet the health care needs of STEMI patients; refer STEMI patients to STEMI Receiving hospitals when rapid transport to a receiving center is not available; and treat STEMI patients with medications when it is not feasible for them to get to a STEMI Receiving hospital for treatment in a timely manner.

ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS

The Joint Commission

The Joint Commission's Certification for Comprehensive and Primary Stroke Centers recognize centers that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care.

Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care

SCPC provides the resources needed to effectively bridge gaps in treatment by offering tools and support for hospitals to successfully help the change of health care.