

Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (ASRH) Designation Criteria

Criteria 1- Stroke Code Activation Log

Activation log is evidence of an Acute Stroke Team (AST) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Criteria 2- Written Stroke Protocols, Algorithm, & Supporting Documents

Written stroke protocols, order sets and supporting documents for acute treatment in the Emergency Department.

Criteria 3- EMS Collaboration

The EMS stroke protocols should detail how patients with suspected stroke will be triaged and routed to the most appropriate designated hospital.

Criteria 4- Education

Education on identification and treatment of acute stroke. The Acute Stroke Team (AST) is available 24/7 and should be comprised of at a minimum a nurse and a provider that respond to stroke in the Emergency Department. Each member of the AST (all nurses and providers that respond to stroke code in the ED) are required to receive stroke education at least two hours or two times per year.

Criteria 5- Lab Testing Capability

The capacity to complete basic laboratory tests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Criteria 6- Brain Imaging Capability

The capacity to perform and interpret brain imaging studies 24/7.

Criteria 7- Data Collection & Utilization

Demonstrate collection of data and utilization of data for performance improvement.

Criteria 8- Transfer Protocols

Transfer protocols and agreements for stroke patients.

Criteria 9- Stroke Leadership Team

A designated stroke program leadership team, including a stroke coordinator and medical director.