

THE 4 TIERS OF STROKE CENTER CERTIFICATION.

Tier	Capability
Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (ASR)	Able to initiate tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) prior to transfer to a higher-level stroke center
Primary Stroke Center (PSC)	Have protocols and specific care pathways for patients with stroke
Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center (TSC)	Able to initiate tPA and provide endovascular treatment
Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC)	Can initiate tPA, provide endovascular surgery, and neurocritical care with stroke-specific protocols and care pathways.

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