

# PRIMARY STROKE CENTER

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# Disclosure/s

None



# Objectives

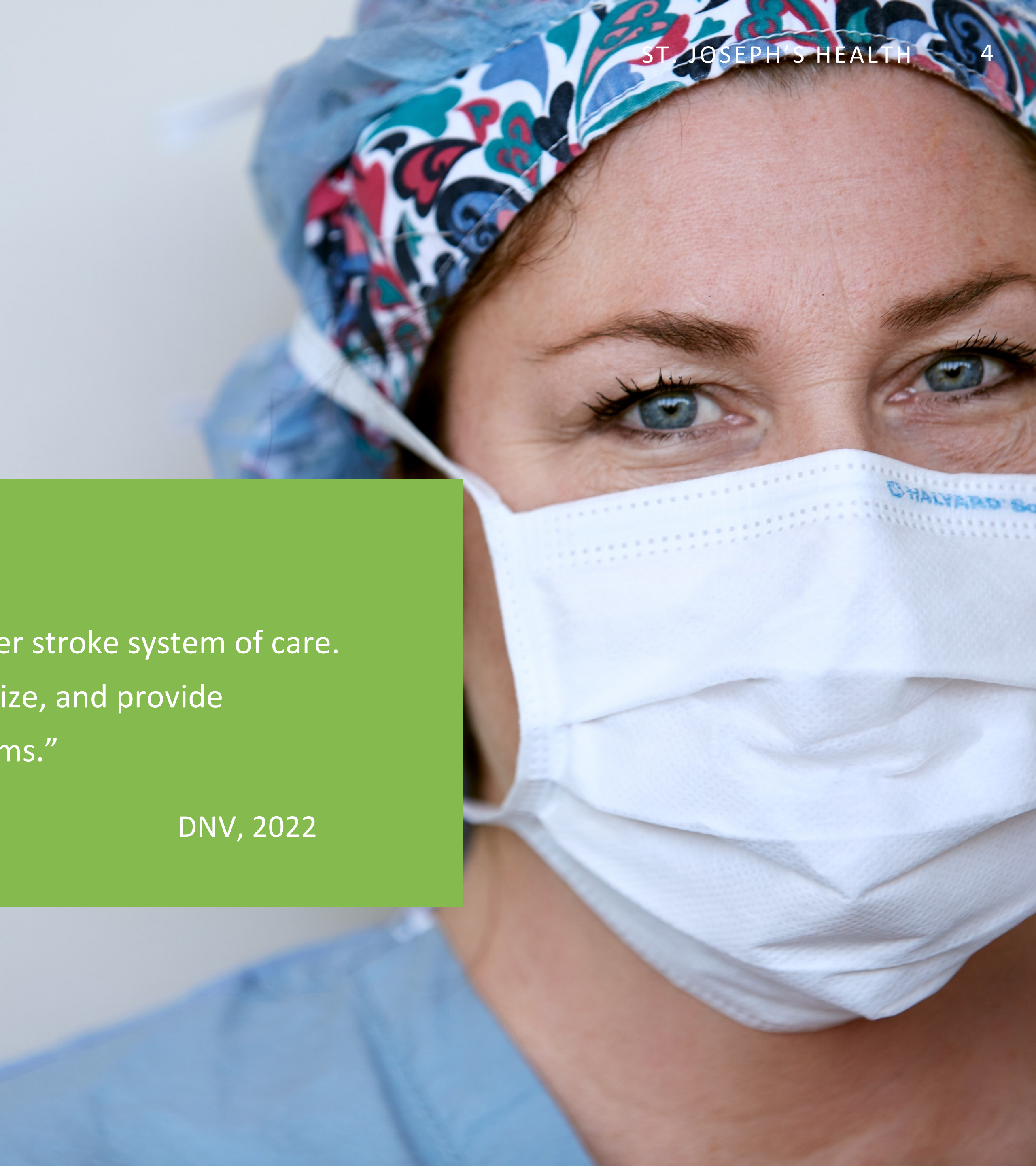
- Define primary stroke center
- Understand the difference between primary and comprehensive stroke centers
- Identify resources available to assist new facilities with designation of a certified stroke center



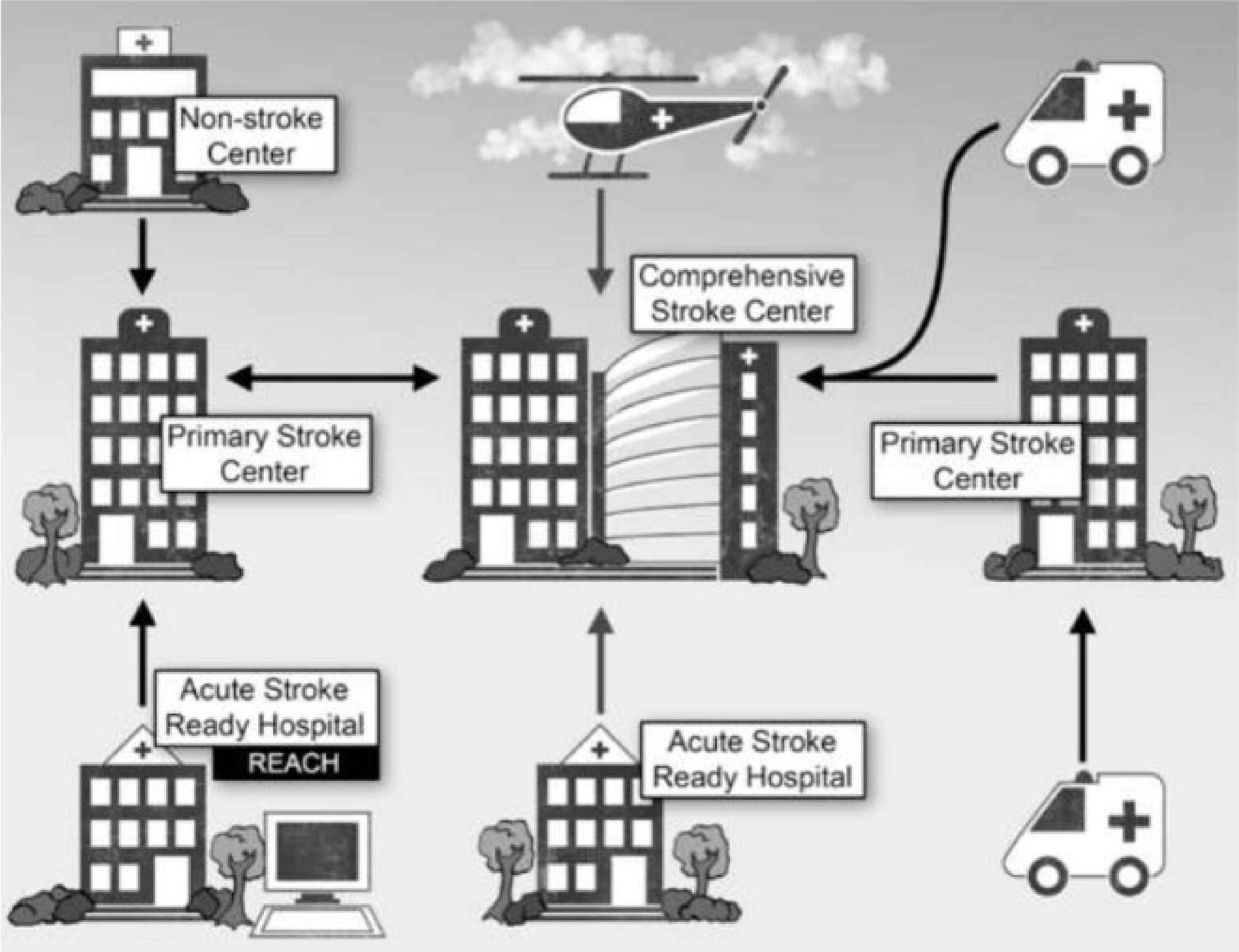
Primary Stroke Center:

“Primary stroke centers are designed to be part of a larger stroke system of care. Which means the hospital is equipped to evaluate, stabilize, and provide emergency care to all patients with acute stroke symptoms.”

DNV, 2022



# Stroke System of Care



# Primary vs. Comprehensive Stroke Centers

## Primary Stroke Center (PSC)

- Stroke Unit or designated beds
- CT/CTA/MRI 24/7
- Neurologist 24/7 in person or via telemedicine
- Administer thrombolytics (alteplase, TNK)
- Neurosurgery available w/in 2 hours –SUNY & Crouse
- CNY PSC: SJH, Auburn, Samaritan Medical Center, Rome

## Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC)

- Dedicated neuro ICU
- Intervention 24/7 cath/angio/thrombectomy
- 24/7 neurointerventionalist, neurosurgeon, & neurologists
- Aneurysm, clipping, coiling (volume requirements)
- Patient centered stroke research
- CNY CSC: Upstate, Crouse, Mohawk Valley Health System



# St Josephs Hospital Timeline

2015- Oct- Stroke Coordinator- vascular patient

2016- Gap analysis

2017- NYS DOH Application submitted/Site visit

2018- March- NYS DOH designation  
June- DNV application/Site visit  
July- DNV certified

2021- Partnership with SUNY for ED LKW < 4 hours

2022- SJH teleneurology services



# Core Stroke Team Members

- Emergency Department  
Physicians  
RN's
- Neurologists:  
Dr. Saada, Dr. Kumari, Dr Shah, & Chelsea Yager PA  
Bernadette Medve SCR- Stroke Coordinator  
Upstate partnership
- Residents (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- ICU RN  
MSICU  
CVICU  
Nursing Supervisors



Dr. Fahed Saada  
Stroke medical Director



Dr. Savita Kumari



Dr. Syed Shah



Chelsea Yager PA



Bernadette Medve SCR-  
Stroke Coordinator





# Patient Presentation

- Balance
  - Dizziness
  - Vision
  - Weakness
  - Numbness
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- Arrival of patient- 59% EMS arrival with 8% prenotification



# Patient Population

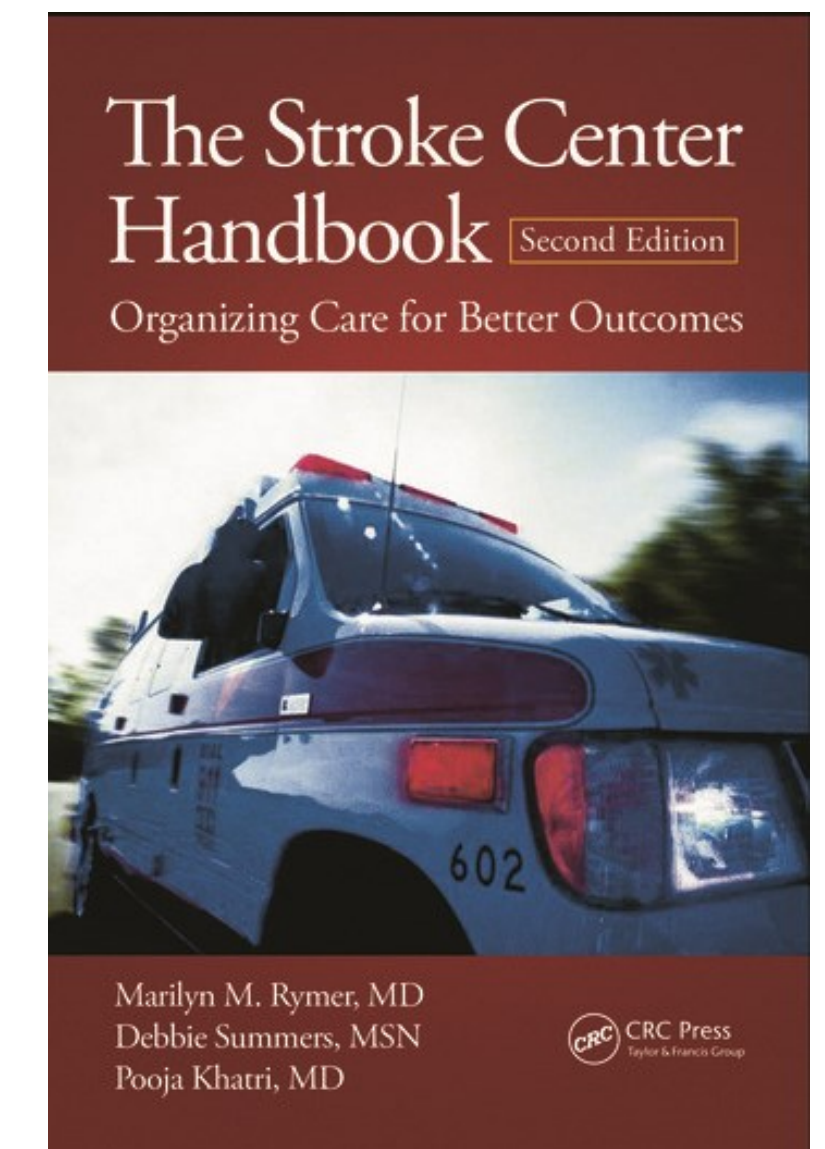
High risk-

- On anticoagulants- NOAC, warfarin  
Held for minor vs major surgery
- Surgery-  
Cardiac (rapid extubating protocol)  
Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR)  
Vascular
- Cardiac catheterization
- Illegal drug use- heroin, cocaine



# Resources

- Conferences-2016 STAR NY- DWI ?
- Neurologist- Dr. Kevin Thomas, Dr Fahed Saada
- AHA/ASA- Guideline
- The Stroke Center Handbook
- Mentors- Other stroke coordinators  
Jennifer & Josh (SUNY), Oksana(Crouse)
- Committees- Central & Western NY Stroke coordinators Consortium (CWSC), Trinity Health stroke coordinators
- DNV/Joint Commission Guidelines



# Many process improvements

“Why are we doing this when we have two Comprehensive stroke centers 5 minutes down route 81?”

Standardized the care of the stroke patient- policy & procedures, order sets etc.

Stroke education- NIHSS certification- stroke team

Improve door to thrombolytic time- Mix at the bedside

Dysphagia screening

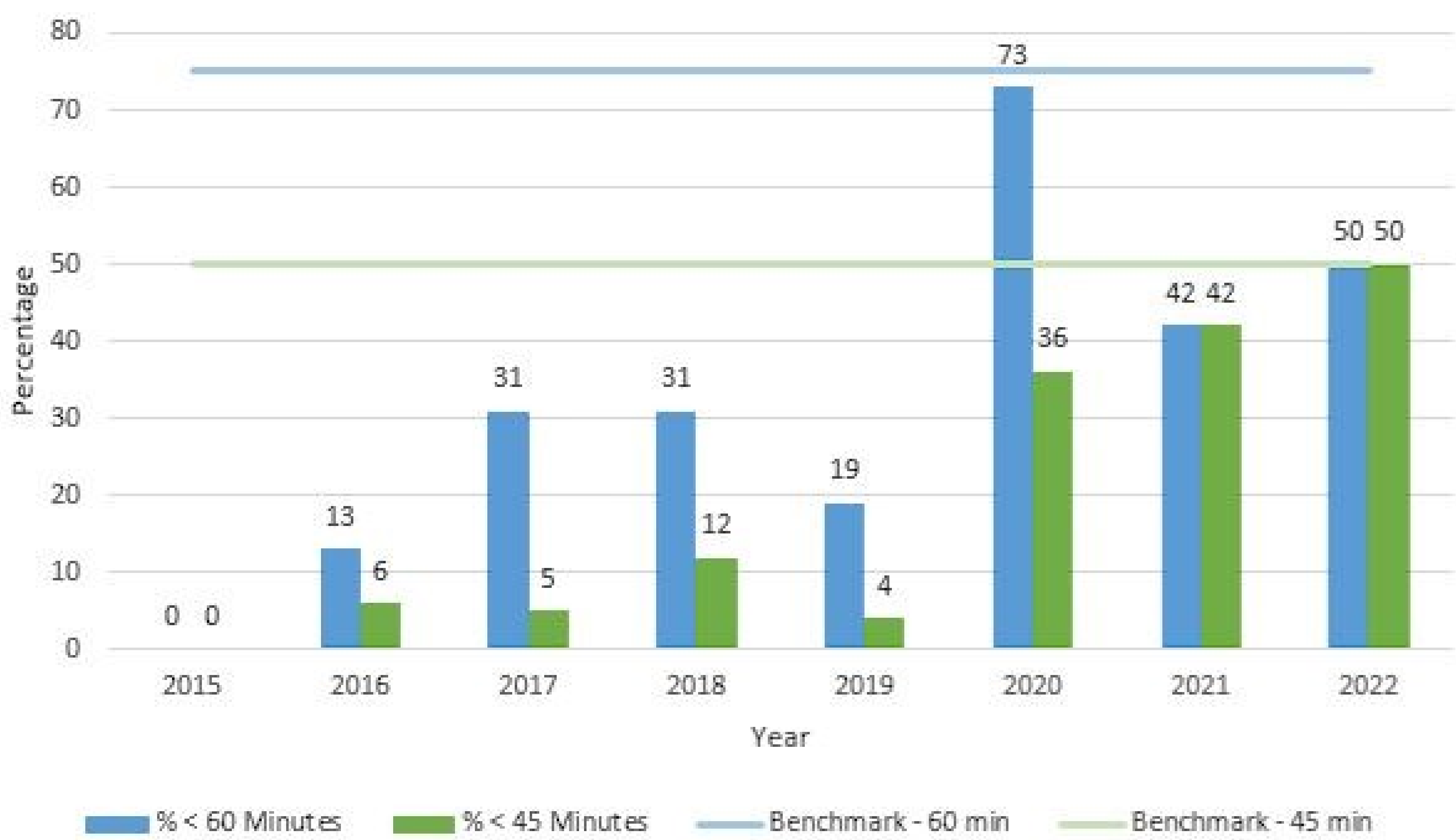
Improve in-house stroke care

2019-Cover the emergency room “business hours” to 24/7 coverage via telemedicine

Assign ED stroke nurses on all shifts



### Door to Alteplase Times



# Case Review #1

- 56 y.o female Hx type 2 DM, HTN, HLD, depression, prox. A fib, oropharyngeal dystrophy, CP, NSTEMI
- Admitted for cardiac work up
- Started on hep gtt. but d/c at 0300 the day after d/t Hx of HIT
- Evaluated for heart cath
- A&O X 3 in cath lab pre holding area, took a nap at 0930 awoke at 1123 with dense right hemiplegia

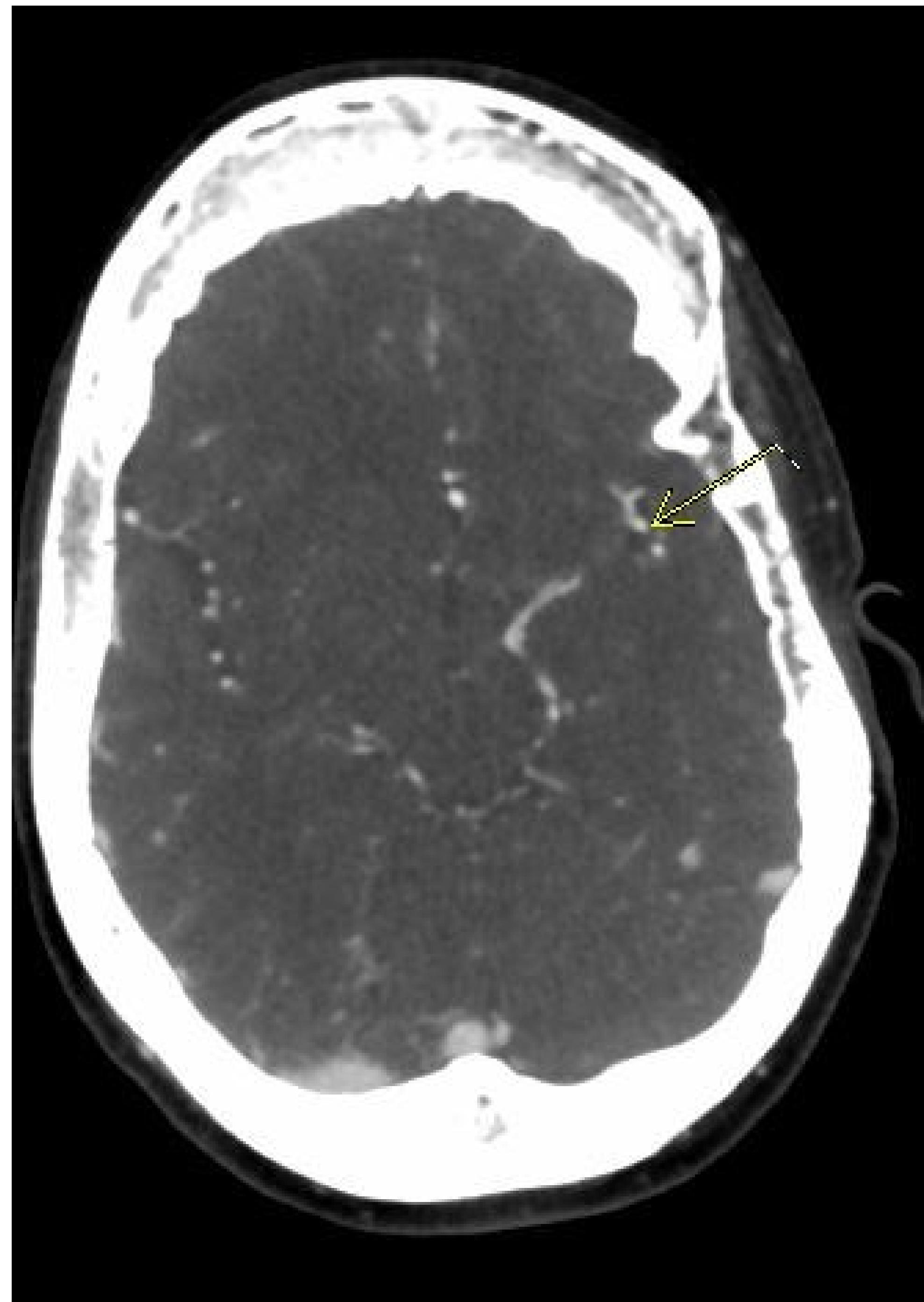


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- LKW 0930
- Symptom discovery 1123
- NIHSS-15
- CT- 1134 CT read – 1147
- CTA -1140 CTA read -1223 + LVO
- Alteplase candidate 4.9mg bolus @ 1155, followed by infusion 44.2mg at 1200
- After alteplase given pt. started to move right arm/leg
- Pt transferred to SUNY at 1315



# Case #1 cont.





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- Pt transferred to SUNY at 1315
- NIHSS at SUNY-16
- Angio showed recanalized M2 with distal M3/M4 occlusion. No thrombectomy was performed.



## Case Review #2

40 y.o male Hx of CP, CAD, type 2 DM, HTN, obesity, ischemic cardiomyopathy.

Admitted to cardiac surgery for CABG & MV repair

POD#1 – CVICU, rapid extubating protocol transferred to step down unit

POD # 4- Acute onset dense hemiplegia CT/CTA



## Case #2 cont.

- LKW 0630
- Symptom discovery - 0730
- CT/ CTA 0730
- NIHSS- 20
- Transferred at 0825 to SUNY
- NIHSS at SUNY -15
- Thrombectomy TICl 3
- NIHSS on D/C to acute rehab - 4



# Primary Stroke Care

- Improve patient outcomes
- Decrease mortality & morbidity
- Decrease disabling deficit
- Provide secondary prevention measures



## SJH Stroke Mission Statement

“ To provide every stroke patient with the highest quality, compassionate, evidence-based care throughout the continuum from emergency treatments, the in-patient stay and into the rehabilitation phase in a consistent and safe manner ”



