

Connect with a UW Medicine stroke neurologist 24/7

If you don't have on-call neurologists to help with acute stroke patients in your own community, partnering with a telestroke provider is the next best option. Harborview Medical Center — a Joint Commission-certified Comprehensive Stroke Center in Seattle — offers telestroke services to hospitals throughout the region.

Time-sensitive services

When you have a patient with stroke-like symptoms, you can count on our board-certified stroke neurologists to provide:



Rapid, real-time consults: High-quality video consultations within minutes of placing your call. We'll review images, help identify any large vessel occlusions and determine whether your patient can be treated locally with thrombolytic therapy.



Secure information exchange: Image review and documentation takes place via our cloud-based, HIPAA-compliant platform.



Transfer services: If your patient needs a higher level of care than your hospital can provide, we will prioritize acceptance into Harborview Medical Center. We can facilitate transportation and assist with Airlift Northwest arrangements.



Timely follow up and quality improvement tools: We'll review cases and stroke QI/QA metrics with your team and provide discharge summaries and treatment protocols.

Ongoing collaboration

We're not just available during emergencies. As our partner, you can turn to us for:

- **Care advice:** Reach out anytime with questions about ongoing care, such as when it's safe to restart aspirin, or enroll your patient in a stroke clinical trial.
- **Provider education:** You'll have access to online lectures and teleconferences, annual nursing education and continuing medical education (CME) opportunities.



Harborview has earned the Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award — and the Target: Stroke Honor Roll-Elite designation — from the American Heart Association (AHA).

To join our telestroke network, please email stroke@uw.edu.

Benefits of partnering with a Comprehensive Stroke Center

Only certain hospitals can achieve the Comprehensive Stroke Center certification from the Joint Commission. It requires full integration of neurology, neurosurgery, endovascular neurosurgery, neurocritical care, and both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services.

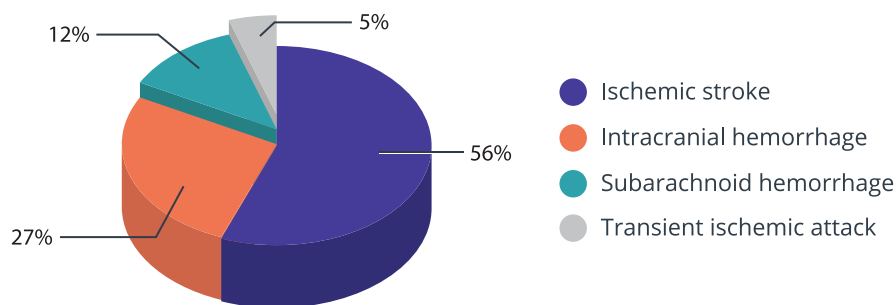
Experience matters

Research has shown that patients with complex strokes have better outcomes (with fewer complications) when treated at a Comprehensive Stroke Center. At Harborview, the region’s Level I trauma center, we have a multidisciplinary team of stroke-trained neurologists and vascular neurosurgeons, a neurocritical care unit, and the technology and other resources it takes to improve stroke survival — and recovery.

Highlights of our services during the last 12 months include:

- We responded to more than **300 stroke calls** each quarter.
- We completed more than **1,300 telestroke consultations**. Most of these remote patients received lifesaving therapy in their own communities.
- We treated **921 stroke patients** at Harborview in 2021.

Treatment for stroke patients at Harborview (N=921)



Meet our telestroke program leaders



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