

Quality Measures

Stroke Care

A stroke, sometimes called a “brain attack” occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted. When a stroke occurs, brain cells in the immediate area begin to die because they stop getting oxygen and nutrients they need to function. Strokes can cause a loss in the ability to speak, memory problems or paralysis on one side of the body. Getting the right care at the right time can help reduce the risk of complications and another stroke.

High Point Medical Center has received the Joint Commission’s Certificate of Distinction for Primary Stroke Centers. The Commission recognizes centers that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care.

An initial patient evaluation should occur within 10 minutes of arrival in the emergency department. A CT scan or MRI (radiology test) is initiated within 25 minutes of arrival. The radiologic test is interpreted within 45 minutes of arrival. The results of this test provides critical information regarding next steps for treatment.

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*Higher numbers are better

Measure	National Average	High Point Medical Center
Emergency Department CT Or MRI scan results within 45 minutes of arrival	74%	*77.3%