

PARKVIEW STANLEY WISSMAN STROKE CENTER

EXPERT



Nils Mueller-Kronast, MD, Fort Wayne Neurological Center, uses a 3-D biplanar angiography system to perform cerebral angiography and treat strokes, aneurysms and vascular malformations.

STROKE CENTER SETS THE STANDARD

The Parkview Stanley Wissman Stroke Center makes emerging medical treatments for stroke available to area patients. The center is named after the widely respected neurologist who championed the project and was a forceful advocate for stroke patients.

In 2005, the Parkview Stanley Wissman Stroke Center earned northeast Indiana's first Gold Seal of Approval™ for stroke care: The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification. In May 2008, the stroke center was recertified with this award. In addition, the Parkview Stanley Wissman Stroke Center earned the 2008 HealthGrades 5-Star award, as well as the Silver Performance Achievement Award recognizing one year of high performance in the American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines™ program.

The stroke center delivers stroke management for adults by providing patient-focused interdisciplinary care from the emergency room through rehabilitation and recovery, as well as participation in national stroke research. The center also provides community education on stroke recognition, and treatment options and prevention, and utilizes outcome measures to improve care and services.

STROKE RESEARCH

In conjunction with the Parkview Research Center, neurologists and staff study treatments related to ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke. Parkview's researchers made significant contributions to trials of tPA, a "clot-busting" agent that can dissolve blood clots. tPA is now a standard treatment used to reduce damaging effects of stroke.

AREA'S FIRST NEURO-INTERVENTIONALIST BRINGS NEW LEVEL OF STROKE TREATMENT TO PARKVIEW

A new treatment option for stroke is now available at Parkview — neuro-intervention. Neuro-intervention is an intra-arterial therapy that has been shown to be more effective in reopening blocked blood vessels than intravenous therapy in severe strokes. For patients arriving outside the three-hour window of time for effective treatment, intra-arterial therapy provides a treatment option in Fort Wayne where nothing could be done previously. In some cases, patients had to be transferred to another community, losing valuable time.

NEUROTRAUMA

Neurology and neurosurgery specialists from Fort Wayne Neurological Center are available 24/7 to the Parkview Level II Adult & Pediatric Trauma Center. As members of the trauma team, they treat patients who have severe head or spine injuries.

NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY

The physicians and staff also care for patients with other neuro diagnoses such as:

- Stroke
- Alzheimer's disease
- Brain tumors and aneurysms
- Epilepsy
- Headaches and pain
- Movement disorders
- Multiple sclerosis
- Parkinson's disease
- Back problems

NEURO INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Neurologists and neurosurgeons care for patients in a highly specialized, high-tech, six-bed Neuro Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The Neuro ICU is also electronically connected 24/7 to a special team as an extra measure of care. The Neuro ICU staff participates in multidisciplinary rounds led by an intensivist each day, and a remote-presence robot is located on the unit to aid in communication, rounding and consultations with family and staff.

NEURO REHABILITATION

Parkview Hospital is dedicated to improving the lives of people suffering from stroke, brain injury and trauma, as well as those recovering from

neurosurgery. Rehabilitation Services provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient therapeutic services and programs for patients from age 3 to 103.

OTHER ACCREDITATIONS:

Parkview Hospital Rehabilitation Center meets national standards as evaluated by the Joint Commission and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Parkview Rehabilitation Center has been accredited by CARF for the following programs:

- Comprehensive Inpatient Medical Rehabilitation Program (Child/adolescent and adult)
- Stroke Program
- Brain Injury Program (Child/adolescent and adult)

DESIGNATIONS

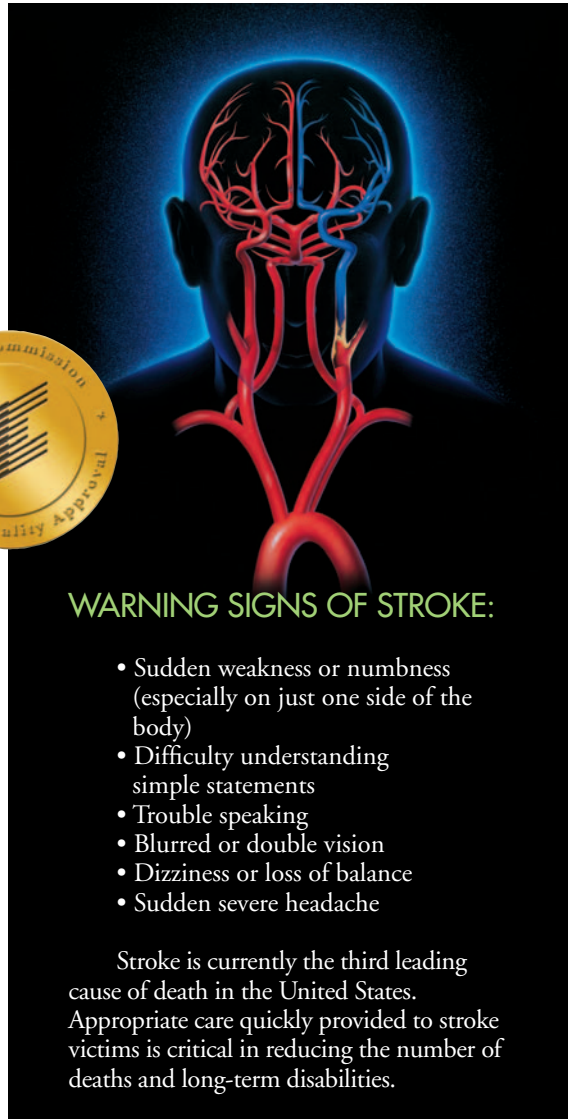
- Ranked in the Top 5% in the nation for treatment of stroke in 2009*
- Five-Star Rated for stroke treatment, five years in a row (2005 – 2009)*
- Recipient of HealthGrades Stroke Care Excellence Award™, 2009*
- Rated Best in the Fort Wayne area for stroke treatment, 2008 – 2009*
- American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines™ Silver Performance Achievement Award
- Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™

*Ratings according to HealthGrades, the national healthcare quality assessment organization

STROKECARENOW NETWORK

Parkview is a member of the StrokeCareNow Network, a partnership between Parkview, Fort Wayne Neurological Center and Lutheran Hospital that encompasses 17 hospitals. The

network's goal is to decrease the time between a patient's arrival at the hospital and administration of stroke care. Each hospital that joins the network receives a telemedicine robot to link physicians at community hospitals with stroke center physicians to make real-time decisions on care for stroke patients.



WARNING SIGNS OF STROKE:

- Sudden weakness or numbness (especially on just one side of the body)
- Difficulty understanding simple statements
- Trouble speaking
- Blurred or double vision
- Dizziness or loss of balance
- Sudden severe headache

Stroke is currently the third leading cause of death in the United States. Appropriate care quickly provided to stroke victims is critical in reducing the number of deaths and long-term disabilities.

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