



SUNRISE HEALTH IS THE FIRST NETWORK OF CERTIFIED STROKE CENTERS IN LAS VEGAS

This distinction recognizes the hospital for offering the best possible treatment for stroke patients

The Sunrise Health hospitals – Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, MountainView Hospital and Southern Hills Hospital and Medical Center – have all been certified as primary stroke centers by the Joint Commission, making them the first network of certified primary stroke centers in Las Vegas.

In order to receive certification, each hospital was evaluated by the Joint Commission—the leading healthcare accreditation and certification organization in the United States—using standards for stroke from the recommendations published by the Brain Attack Coalition and American Stroke Association. This includes an assessment of compliance with consensus-based national standards, effective use of primary stroke center recommendations and clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care and performance measurement and improvement activities.

“The implications for the Las Vegas community of each Sunrise Health hospital being a certified stroke center are huge,” said Sylvia Young, president of Sunrise Health. “With three locations throughout the valley, residents know they are getting the best care from the hospital, physicians and specialists who meet very rigorous standards in the treatment of stroke. This is just one more way we are bringing world class care to Las Vegas.”

The Sunrise Health Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Centers offer diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, education and outreach. A trained Stroke Team of doctors and nurses works to identify stroke symptoms as quickly as possible, beginning with emergency medical service personnel in the field. By the time a patient arrives at the hospital, the Stroke Team is ready.

According to the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of serious, long-term disability. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every three minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. You can help spot a stroke by asking these three simple questions:

- ✓ Can you smile?
- ✓ Can you raise both arms?
- ✓ Can you speak a simple sentence?

If any of these functions cannot be performed easily, call 9-1-1 immediately. You could save a life.