Like Trauma, Stroke Patients Need a System That Helps Them Survive

**TRAUMA PATIENT**

**Triage**
Patient evaluated according to standardized criteria.

**Transport**
Patient taken to life-saving trauma center (required by state law).

**Treatment**
Patient receives the right care as rapidly as possible.

**SEVERE STROKE PATIENT**

**Triage**
Patient evaluation is not standardized.

**Transport**
Patient taken to nearest hospital.

**Transfer**
Nearest hospital is not equipped to treat severe stroke. Patient requires transfer to a Level 1 stroke center.¹

**Treatment**
Patient arrives at Level 1 stroke center, but hours have been lost in transfer, jeopardizing recovery.²

¹Less than 10 percent of severe stroke patients get the most effective treatment.
²Due to time lost, 1 in 3 severe stroke patients who are transferred become ineligible for specialized stroke surgery.