

# WHAT IS A LEVEL 1? STROKE CENTER

*A patient's best chance to survive and thrive following a severe stroke.*



GET AHEAD OF  
**STROKE**

*Arrive. Survive. Thrive.®*

States are improving their systems of care so that more stroke patients get specialized care at Level 1 centers.

*Is yours one of them?*

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## LEVEL 1 CENTERS OFFER:

### COORDINATED CARE

These teams have been trained to work quickly; wait times for surgery are **58 minutes shorter** at high-volume centers<sup>1</sup>

### SPECIALIZED SURGEONS

These surgeons **specialize in the brain** and can treat **every type of stroke severity**

### IMMEDIATE SERVICE

Access to life-saving thrombectomy is available 24/7/365; **no wondering if a qualified surgeon will be available**

In some areas, Level 1 stroke centers are also called Comprehensive Stroke Centers.

<sup>1</sup>Mohamad, N. F., Hastrup, S., Rasmussen, M., Andersen, M. S., Johnsen, S. P., Andersen, G., & Simonsen, C. Z. (2016). Bypassing primary stroke centre reduces delay and improves outcomes for patients with large vessel occlusion. *European Stroke Journal*, 1(2), 85–92. Retrieved from <https://doi.org/10.1177/2396987316647857>

*Get Ahead of Stroke is a national public education and advocacy campaign designed to improve systems of care for stroke patients. Founded in 2016 by the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery (SNIS), today the campaign is supported by a coalition of organizations with the goal of securing the best possible outcomes for stroke patients by driving policy change and public awareness nationwide.*