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System Memo: # 416

To: All System members; Region IX EMS partners

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RE: **Northwest Community Hospital returns to
Comprehensive Stroke Center effective immediately**

We have just received news that Northwest Community Hospital has been renamed as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by Det Norske Veritas (DNV) for the dates extending from February 21, 2023 to February 21, 2026.

This change in status has been affirmed by Michelle Lear RN; HSVI/Stroke Program Coordinator Division of EMS & Highway Safety Illinois Department of Public Health and the increase in status has been posted to the IDPH stroke website.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

EMS personnel are authorized to bring patients with acute stroke who meet the criteria for transport to a Comprehensive Stroke Center under the NWC EMSS SOPs, to Northwest Community Hospital again. The SOPs have been updated and the hyperlinked edition has been sent to Acid remap for posting.

We recognize the extraordinary dedication to innovative evidence-based stroke care provided throughout our Region by all our healthcare partners. NCH is pleased that we can continue to collaborate with our dispatchers, EMS agencies, emergency professionals, and multidisciplinary neuroscience experts to rapidly meet the very specific healthcare needs of these patients.

It's a wonder to behold when advanced technology and superb medical expertise is coupled with human compassion and caring that ministers to body, mind and spirit.

Lives are impacted in a force for good. Every patient. Every time.

Thank you for being part of that legacy!