

Minutes Matter

Most strokes are caused by a blood clot that blocks the flow of blood to the part of the brain.

The critical part is the timing. If you get there really fast, then the brain has a chance of recovery.

We completely redesigned the way we looked at stroke and we basically said, what's the fastest we can do, the best we can do, the safest we can do to be able to deliver the treatment as quickly as possible?

The first step was to standardize our workflow. This way, the entire team descended upon the patient when the patient arrives in the emergency department. And we actually greet the patients at the door, which is something that's pretty unusual for stroke care, even today.

This is the beauty of an integrated health care system. We have improved the functional outcome and people have complete recovery of functional outcome more than half the time.

Because we did what we did, we raised the standard of care for the entire country.