



ADVOCATE ILLINOIS MASONIC MEDICAL CENTER
JOHN H. STROGER JR. HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY
NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICAL CENTER

DATE: December 15, 2022

TO: Region 11 EMS Providers
Region 11 EMS Participating Hospitals

FROM: **REGION 11 EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS CONSORTIUM**

SUBJECT: **ADVOCATE ILLINOIS MASONIC MEDICAL CENTER DOWNGRADING TO PRIMARY STROKE CENTER**

Effective Friday, December 16, 2022 at 07:00, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center will no longer be recognized as a certified Comprehensive Stroke Center. However, they will continue to participate in the Region 11 stroke system of care as a certified Primary Stroke Center.

As such, this hospital has been removed from the Region 11 list of designated Comprehensive Stroke Centers and added to the Region 11 list of designated Primary Stroke Centers. Please make sure that all Region 11 Base Station staff and EMS providers are aware of this system change and appropriately divert patients experiencing signs and symptoms of severe stroke to the closest most appropriate facility in accordance with regional policy.

Attached you will find the revised Region 11 Transport of Patients with Suspected Acute Stroke Policy.

Please contact your Resource Hospital with any questions

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Enclosed: Updated Region 11 Transport of Patients with Suspected Acute Stroke Policy – Effective December 16, 2022

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