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# North Carolina Stroke Association

*Saving lives through prevention and education*



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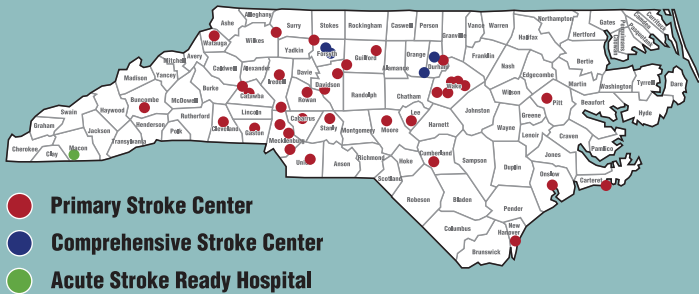
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# Our Mission:

Reduce the incidence and impact of stroke in North Carolina through collaborative relationships to facilitate screening, education, outcome assessments and advocacy. Currently, **1 in 5** citizens across the state has little to no access to the currently accepted standard of care for strokes.



## Time is Brain, Time for Change Initiative

Our goal is to ensure that every North Carolinian has access to timely, state-of-the-art stroke care no matter where they happen to be, across the state, when a stroke occurs. By providing assessments and funding for hospitals as they pursue Acute Stroke Ready certification, we can improve the likelihood of stroke victims receiving critical care within the optimal three-hour time frame. This is especially important for the eastern counties of our state who regularly record some of the highest stroke death rates in the country, yet have the fewest hospitals with advanced stroke care certification.



*“North Carolina has significant gaps in access to stroke care. By providing hospitals with the additional funding they need to become Acute Stroke Ready certified, we are helping to close those gaps.”*

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