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HSHS St. Vincent Hospital achieves Comprehensive Stroke Center recertification Excelling in the highest level of competence for treatment of stroke

GREEN BAY, Wis. – HSHS St. Vincent Hospital recently received prestigious recertification from <u>DNV</u>, a hospital accreditation program, as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, reflecting the highest level of competence for treatment of serious stroke events.

HSHS St. Vincent Hospital has been certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by DNV since 2020. Comprehensive Stroke Centers certified by DNV are reviewed annually, to ensure programs continue to meet or exceed standards in the delivery of quality stroke care. In December 2024, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital obtained recertification of its prestigious Comprehensive Stroke Center designation by DNV.

"This recertification reflects our team's commitment to providing the highest quality of care to all of our patients who experience stroke," said John Wagner, Chief Operating Officer, HSHS Wisconsin Market. "Time is of the essence for stroke patients, and our stroke care specialists have the personnel, latest technology and expertise to quickly provide diagnosis and treatment. We're incredibly proud to be one of the best-equipped hospitals in the region to treat any kind of stroke someone may experience and to provide them the rehabilitation services they deserve."

The DNV Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification affirms HSHS St. Vincent Hospital addresses the full spectrum of stroke care – diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and education. The certification is awarded to hospitals for their commitment to delivering the highest quality of care to the most complex stroke cases, offering evidence-based treatments with leading-edge research protocols.

HSHS St. Vincent Hospital's sister hospitals, including HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay, HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls, are also proud to offer advanced stroke care at their stroke centers. HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital have been certified as Primary Stroke Centers from The Joint Commission for over a decade. HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital's unwavering commitment to residents of Oconto County also ensures stroke patients in rural communities have access to timely stroke care at their federally designated critical access hospital, which is open 24/7.

All four stroke centers are staffed with specialty trained stroke teams who have immediate access to advanced treatments, including clot-busting medicine used when a blocked blood vessel in the brain causes a stroke. At these stroke centers, stroke experts will stabilize and treat patients affected by stroke or seizure as soon as possible. When the most advanced level of specialized stroke care is needed, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital also offer patients direct access to HSHS St. Vincent Hospital's Comprehensive Stroke Center. Click here to read an inspiring story of stroke survival, demonstrating how partnership and expertise at our HSHS hospitals demonstrate stroke care excellence.

Comprehensive stroke centers are typically the largest and best-equipped hospitals in a given geographical area and can treat any kind of stroke or stroke complication. The HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Comprehensive Stroke Center is one of only seven Comprehensive Stroke Centers in Wisconsin and ranks as the third busiest in the state. The comprehensive status ensures that patients have access to advanced diagnostic tools such as biplane technology and leading-edge treatment options, including thrombectomy and aneurysm treatments like coiling. Additionally, U.S. News & World Report has recognized HSHS St. Vincent Hospital as *High Performing in Stroke Care*, placing it among the top 10% of hospitals nationwide. To learn more about the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Stroke Center, please visit: https://www.hshs.org/st-vincent/services/stroke-center

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About HSHS St. Vincent Hospital

HSHS St. Vincent Hospital is part of Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), a Catholic health care ministry founded in 1875. Dedicated to our Mission to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through high-quality Franciscan health care, HSHS clinicians provide exceptional care centered on the whole person. Based in Springfield, Illinois, HSHS employs nearly 11,000 colleagues who provide care in 13 acute-care, children's and critical-access hospitals and home health and hospice programs in Central and Southern Illinois and Eastern Wisconsin. HSHS is aligned with more than 1,000 primary and specialty physicians and advanced practitioners through its owned affiliates HSHS Medical Group and Prairie Cardiovascular and its partnership with Prevea Health. For more information about HSHS, visit hshs.org.