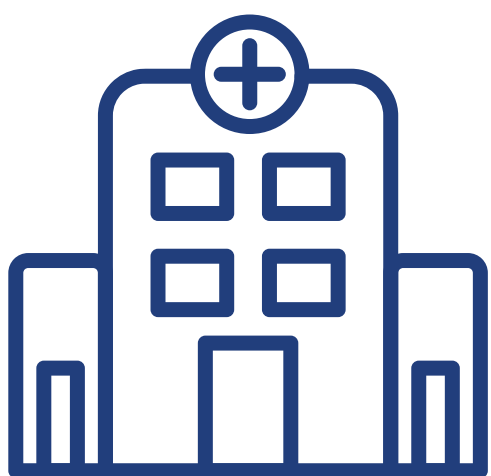


Hospital Transfers During Your Stroke Care



Why am I being moved between hospitals?

- **Stroke Care is specialized** and is provided at certain hospitals to ensure you get the best outcome.
- If it is suspected you are having a stroke, hospitals and paramedics work together to get you to a Regional Stroke Centre (RSC) for **emergency assessment** and **treatment**:
 - paramedics may take you directly to a RSC or,
 - if at another hospital, you may be transferred to a RSC.



What is a Regional Stroke Centre?

- An acute care hospital providing 24-hour **expert emergency services** to treat a stroke quickly.
 - Has specialized assessments, medication, and procedures that can be used if needed.
 - These services can be **lifesaving** or reduce the effects of a stroke.



You no longer need Regional Stroke Centre services, what's next?

- If you **had a stroke**, you may be transferred to the hospital closest to your home with a stroke unit where you will continue to get specialized care.
- If you **did not have a stroke**, you will be discharged home or transferred to a hospital closer to your home that provides the care you need.

Why is this important?

- Moves you to a hospital that can provide the **care that you need** closer to home
- Ensures the Regional Stroke Centre remains available for others in need of emergency stroke care.