

Rapid City Regional Hospital's



Advanced Primary Stroke Center

Factsheet

- ▶ According to the American Stroke Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of long-term disability in the United States. An estimated 700,000 strokes occur each year in the United States.
- ▶ In April 2009, Rapid City Regional Hospital was certified as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center by The Joint Commission. The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.
- ▶ Only 10% of hospitals have achieved stroke certification status with The Joint Commission. Rapid City Regional Hospital's Advanced Stroke Program uses standardized and evidence-based guidelines for timely and improved patient outcomes.
- ▶ Key benefits of Rapid City Regional Hospital's Advanced Primary Stroke Center designation include:
 - Optimized patient outcomes
 - Increased patient satisfaction
 - Increased use of acute stroke therapies
 - Reduced lengths of stay
 - Improved coordination of our centralized stroke team
 - Reduced cost
 - Improved efficiency
- ▶ Members of the Acute Stroke Team are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.
- ▶ The Acute Stroke Team includes a board certified physician with special competence in assessing the care and treatment of the acute stroke patient.
- ▶ For more information about our Advanced Primary Stroke Center, you may call (605) 719-4374.

