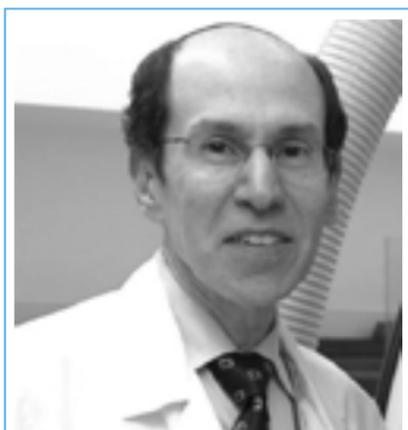


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A stroke is a sudden and potentially devastating medical emergency—a “brain attack” just as serious as a heart attack or a life-threatening injury. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of adult disability. In Brooklyn alone, an estimated 6,500 people will suffer a stroke this year.

In the past, doctors had very few options for treating strokes. Happily, that’s no longer the case. The Maimonides Stroke Center is equipped with the latest technolo-

gies to treat stroke patients from the emergency room all the way to discharge. Telemedicine, for example, enables neurologists who are away from the emergency room to assess and direct the treatment of patients remotely, saving precious time. And a revolutionary new device, the MERCI Retriever, allows doctors to thread a tiny device up into the brain in a minimally invasive surgical procedure, removing a blood clot up to several hours after a stroke has occurred. In truth, we offer stroke patients treatments they wouldn’t find anywhere else.

As in any medical emergency, it is critically important where a stroke patient receives care. Hospitals with stroke centers are best equipped to provide the most comprehensive care. The Maimonides Stroke Center has experience in delivering the full range of therapies for stroke. It’s ranked in the top 5 percent of all stroke centers in the nation and rated one of the top two stroke facilities in New York State.

Of course, these technologies are only as effective as the hands that guide them. At Maimonides our physicians and nurses are specially trained in stroke care, and our therapists work to minimize complications and get patients started with therapy as soon as they are ready.

Ultimately, it isn’t our expertise that makes the biggest difference. The key is you. Learn the risk factors of stroke, and do what you can to reduce factors like high blood pressure and cholesterol. And learn the signs of stroke, such as sudden numbness or weakness of the face or limbs. If you think someone may be having a stroke, don’t wait—call 911. The sooner they get to the hospital, the better.

Now more than ever, there is hope for those who suffer a stroke—not just for survival, but for recovery and a return to a normal life. At The Maimonides Stroke Center, we’re committed to providing the care that can make that happen.



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