

Campaign for Stroke Care Reaches a Major Milestone: Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare Certified as Primary Stroke Center

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation (VCCF) is excited to announce the accomplishment of a major milestone for the Campaign for Stroke Care. On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare (SHC – VC) received certification from The Joint Commission identifying it as a Primary Stroke Center. This distinction recognizes stroke programs that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes in stroke care and allows the Hospital to accept ambulances transporting stroke patients.

“Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare is proud to receive this certification from The Joint Commission. This designation allows us to provide some of the very highest levels of neurovascular care available in the region to the many stroke patients that need it most at the most critical times,” said Rick Shumway, President and CEO, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare. “I would like to congratulate our team members who’ve worked tirelessly to meet The Joint Commission’s national standards and performance-measurement expectations. In addition, I’d like to extend my gratitude to our donors – especially our lead donors, Joan and Lynn Seppala – for helping us launch the stroke care program.”

The Hospital underwent a rigorous on-site review in August 2019.



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During the certification visit, The Joint Commission measured the Hospital against more than 100 standards for the care of stroke patients, including door-to-CT scan times, how quickly patients received tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) – the clot-busting medication – and the quality of care administered within those time frames.

“Our clinical team is dedicated to meeting the healthcare needs of the Tri-Valley community,” said Dr. Prashanth Krishnamohan, Medical Director of Neurology and Stroke Program, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, and Clinical Assistant

Professor, Neurology & Neurological Sciences, Stanford University. “This certification helps us demonstrate that the services we provide at the Hospital have the critical elements necessary to achieve long-term success in improving patient outcomes.”

In 2018, VCCF launched a fundraising effort, propelled by a major donation and matching gift challenge from the Seppalas, to bring cutting-edge



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stroke care to SHC – VC. For months, donations have dramatically improved outcomes for stroke patients in our community through TeleNeurology and Stroke Alerts. The accreditation by The Joint Commission is the latest accomplishment made possible by the VCCF Campaign for Stroke Care.

“Thanks to unprecedented contributions

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from the community, VCCF has been able to fund the launch of this much-needed program at our local Hospital," said Shaké Sulikyan, Executive Director of ValleyCare Charitable Foundation. "We know that timely access to acute stroke care can be the difference between a full recovery, a lifetime of disability, or death. We are thrilled to put in place the necessary components to provide acute care to patients in the Tri-Valley. We also continue to raise funds to meet the vision for the Campaign to become a leading provider of cutting-edge stroke care, including offering state-of-the-art rehabilitation services and other stroke support services within our community. We invite the community to join us in celebrating this amazing milestone by donating to the Campaign for Stroke Care and helping to raise the final \$340,000 and cross the Campaign finish line." The Seppalas added, "Let's make sure that Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare can offer the best possible care for our friends and neighbors, sparing them from much of the damage and trauma that we experienced 27 years ago when Lynn had his stroke."

To donate to the Campaign for Stroke Care, visit givevalleycare.org/stroke or call 925-373-4560.



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