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Hello!

The Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) and EMS leadership from all three counties met yesterday (6/15/22) to discuss the situation regarding neurosurgery availability at Legacy Emanuel. Currently, Legacy is down to only 2 neurosurgeons. As a result, Legacy Emanuel is not accepting transfers in for NONTRAUMATIC neurosurgical emergencies and is, in fact, transferring them out.

As a result, Multnomah County EMS has altered destination protocols to minimize the likelihood that a patient with a cerebral hemorrhage ends up at Emanuel. These criteria are not evidence based but "best guess."

THIS DOES NOT IMPACT TRAUMA

Legacy is expecting temporary neurosurgeons to be available beginning 7/1/22.

At this time, we **are not** changing EMS destination protocols in Washington and Clackamas Counties. All CSTAT positive strokes should still go to the closest thrombectomy capable (or higher) stroke center - including Legacy Meridian Park. CSTAT negative strokes should be transported to the closest stroke center of any level.

Thank you for your attention and all your hard work,



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