



# STROKE SYSTEMS OF CARE

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# DISCLOSURES

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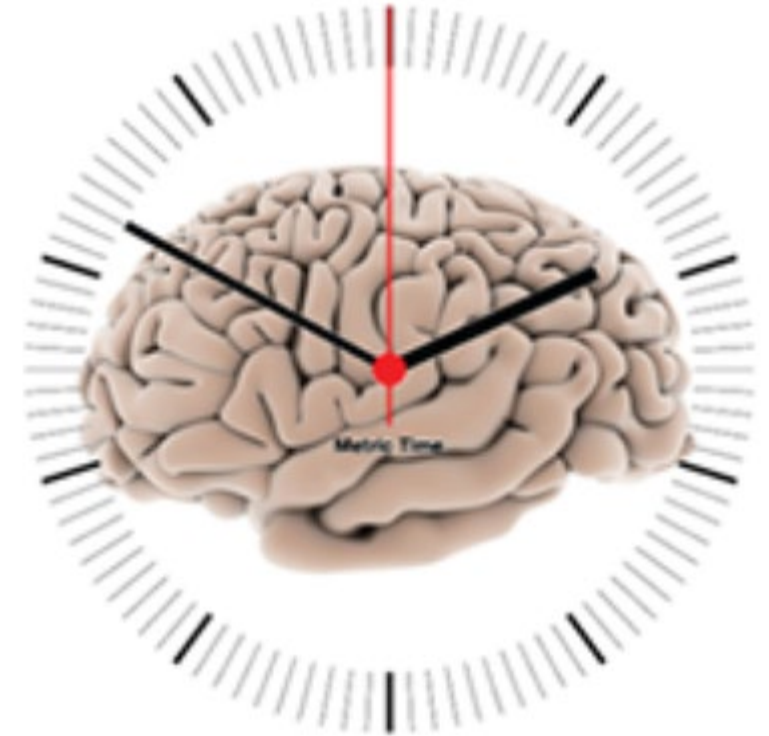
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# TIME IS BRAIN - QUANTIFIED

- 120 million neurons, 830 billion synapses, and 714 km (447 miles) of myelinated fibers are lost each hour
- In each minute, 1.9 million neurons, 14 billion synapses, and 12 km (7.5 miles) of myelinated fibers are destroyed
- Compared with the normal rate of neuron loss in brain aging, the ischemic brain ages 3.6 years each hour without treatment



[Saver JL.; Stroke.](#) 2006 Jan;37(1):263-6. Epub 2005 Dec 8.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16339467>



# 8 DOMAINS OF A STROKE SYSTEM OF CARE



Focus – EMS Response and Acute Stroke Treatment

# EMS

- 50 - 60% arrive via EMS (recommend <15 min on scene time)
- Prenotification by EMS (67%)
- Pre-hospital stroke screening tools important
  - Cincinnati Pre-hospital Stroke Scale
  - Los Angeles Prehospital Stroke Scale
- Pre-Hospital stroke severity scores for LVO and rerouting patients
  - If several IV Alteplase capable hospitals in geographic area – highest level transport should be limited to no more than 15 min if severity score suggests LVO



# MISSION: LIFELINE STROKE - PREHOSPITAL CARE MEASURES

1. Door-in-Door-Out Time  $\leq$  60 Minutes at First Hospital Prior to Transfer for Acute Therapy
2. Documentation of Time Last Known Well
3. Documentation of Time of Discovery of Stroke Symptoms
4. EMS First Medical Contact to ED Arrival
5. Evaluation of Blood Glucose
6. Identification of Suspected Strokes- Rate Based
7. On-Scene Time for Suspected Stroke
8. On-Scene Time  $\leq$  15 Minutes for Suspected Stroke - Rate
9. Stroke Screen Performed and Reported
10. Stroke Screen Performed and Reported Distributed
11. Stroke Severity Screen Performed and Reported- Rate Based
12. Stroke Severity Screen Performed and Reported- Distribution
13. Time from First Medical Contact to Thrombectomy for Acute Ischemic Stroke
14. Time from First Medical Contact to IV alteplase for Acute Ischemic Stroke

In addition to the edits made to existing measures, 3 new measures have been created

## GWTG – STROKE EMS LAYER



EMS data collection form

27 elements related to EMS care and times



14 Prehospital Care Measures

EMS process measures

Outcome measures



EMS Feedback Log

Single click feedback document in PDF

Includes outcome elements and time metrics



EMS Time Tracker

Segmented time calculations from FMC to treatment



Centralized EMS Agency List

Unique ID for all EMS agencies across platforms and sites



# EMS FEEDBACK REPORTING – NEW!!

NEW FEATURE ADDED JULY 2019

## Site-Level Reports

### Configurable Measure Reports

Build your own Quality Measure Reports

### Pre-Defined Measure Reports

Select from the Most Common Measure Reports or run your previously saved report types.

### PMT Patient List

Provides a list of patient records entered for this study.

### Comprehensive Stroke: List of Patients Expected to Have a Follow-Up

Provides a listing of CSTK patients that require a follow up form entered.

### Stroke (STK) Initial Patient Population Report

STK Initial Patient Population and Sample Count Report

### Patient Time Tracker Report

Provides time tracking for patient records entered for this study.

Due to the size of this report, unfortunately, our Print to PDF feature is not well supported for this report at this time. In order to print this report more effectively, please use the "Export to Excel" feature in the top right hand corner of the report and print from Excel.

### Stroke InSights Data Quality Report

### Stroke Mortality Report

### EMS Feedback Log

Provides the feedback details of the patients entered for the study

### EMS Time Tracker

Displays relevant information for patients at a site.

# LEVELS AND CAPABILITIES OF HOSPITAL STROKE DESIGNATION

**Table 1.** Levels and Capabilities of Hospital Stroke Designation

	ASRH	PSC	TSC	CSC
Location	Likely rural	Likely urban/suburban	Likely urban	Likely urban
Stroke team accessible/available 24 h/d, 7 d/wk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noncontrast CT available 24 h/d, 7 d/wk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advanced imaging (CTA/CTP/MRI/MRA/MRP) available 24 h/d, 7 d/wk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intravenous alteplase capable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thrombectomy capable	No	Possibly	Yes	Yes
Diagnoses stroke pathogenesis/manage poststroke complications	Unlikely	Yes	Yes	Yes
Admits hemorrhagic stroke	No	Possibly	Possibly	Yes
Clips/coils ruptured aneurysms	No	Possibly	Possibly	Yes
Dedicated stroke unit	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dedicated neurocritical care unit/ICU	No	Possibly	Possibly	Yes

ASRH indicates acute stroke-ready hospital; CSC, comprehensive stroke center; CT, computed tomography; CTA, computed tomography angiography; CTP, computed tomography perfusion; ICU, intensive care unit; MRA, magnetic resonance angiography; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; MRP, magnetic resonance perfusion; PSC, primary stroke center; and TSC, thrombectomy-capable stroke center.

<https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/epub/10.1161/STR.0000000000000173>

# TEN REASONS TO PURSUE STROKE CERTIFICATION

1. Designation for excellence in the care of stroke patients
2. Creates a loyal, cohesive clinical team
3. Assists organizations in establishing a consistent approach to care, reducing variation and the risk of error
4. Demonstrates commitment to a higher standard of clinical service
5. Provides a framework to improve patient outcomes
6. Helps to organize teams across the continuum of care
7. Provides a competitive edge in the marketplace — supports marketing, contracting and reimbursement
8. Enhances the facility's ability to attract top-level talent
9. Strengthens community confidence in the quality and safety of care, treatment and services
10. Potential to increase patient volumes due to EMS routing protocols

# ACUTE STROKE READY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

## ACUTE STROKE READY INPATIENT (ASR-IP)

- ASR-IP-1 Thrombolytic Therapy: Inpatient Admission
- ASR-IP-2 Antithrombotic Therapy By End of Hospital Day 2
- ASR-IP-3 Discharged on Antithrombotic Therapy

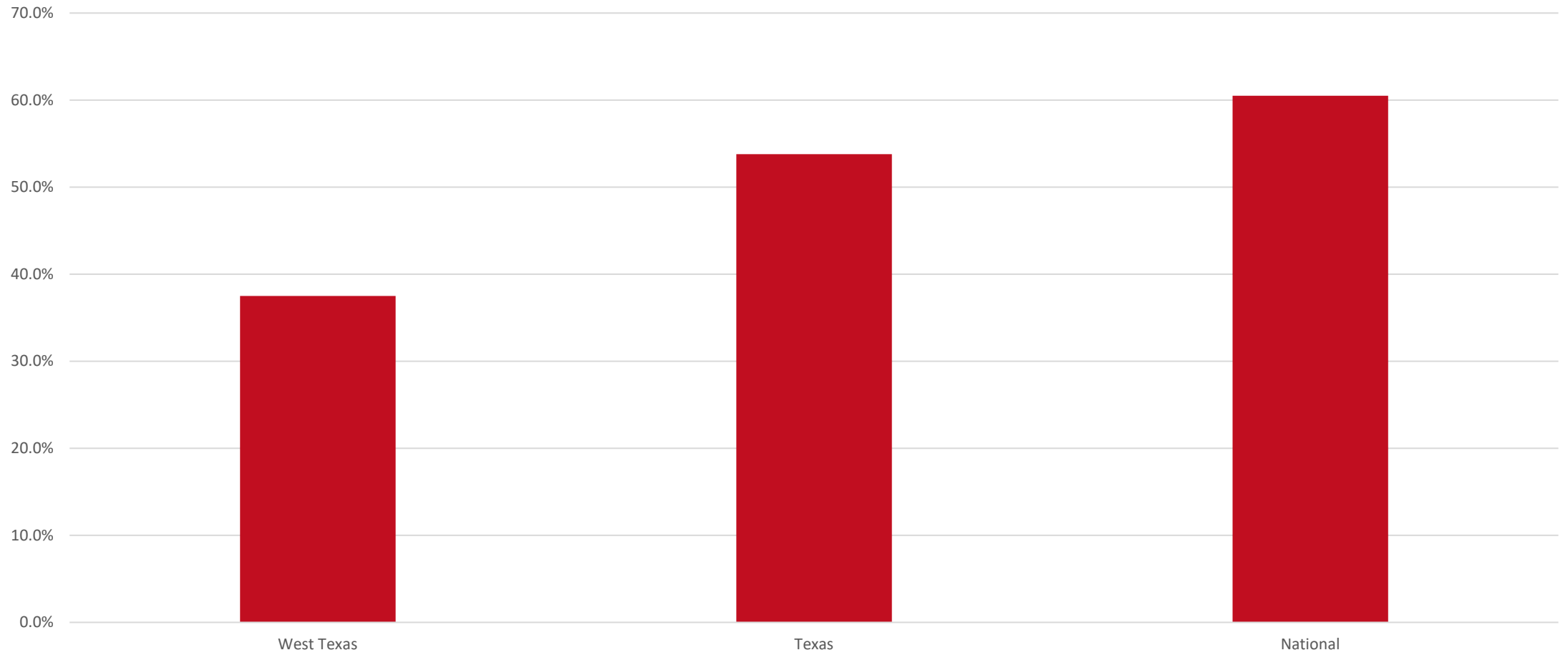
## ACUTE STROKE READY OUTPATIENT (ASR-OP)

- ASR-OP-1 Thrombolytic Therapy: Drip and Ship
- ASR-OP-2 Door to Transfer to Another Hospital

# GET WITH THE GUIDELINES<sup>®</sup> - STROKE

- Powerful Patient Management tool
- Since 2003 – 3,300+ Hospitals; 6.4 million patients
- Access to the most up-to-date research and scientific publications
- Professional education opportunities, such as workshops and webinars
- Clinical tools and resources
- Patient education resources
- QI field staff support
- A competitive advantage in the healthcare marketplace
- National and local recognition for hospital team program achievement
- Performance feedback reporting for continuous quality improvement

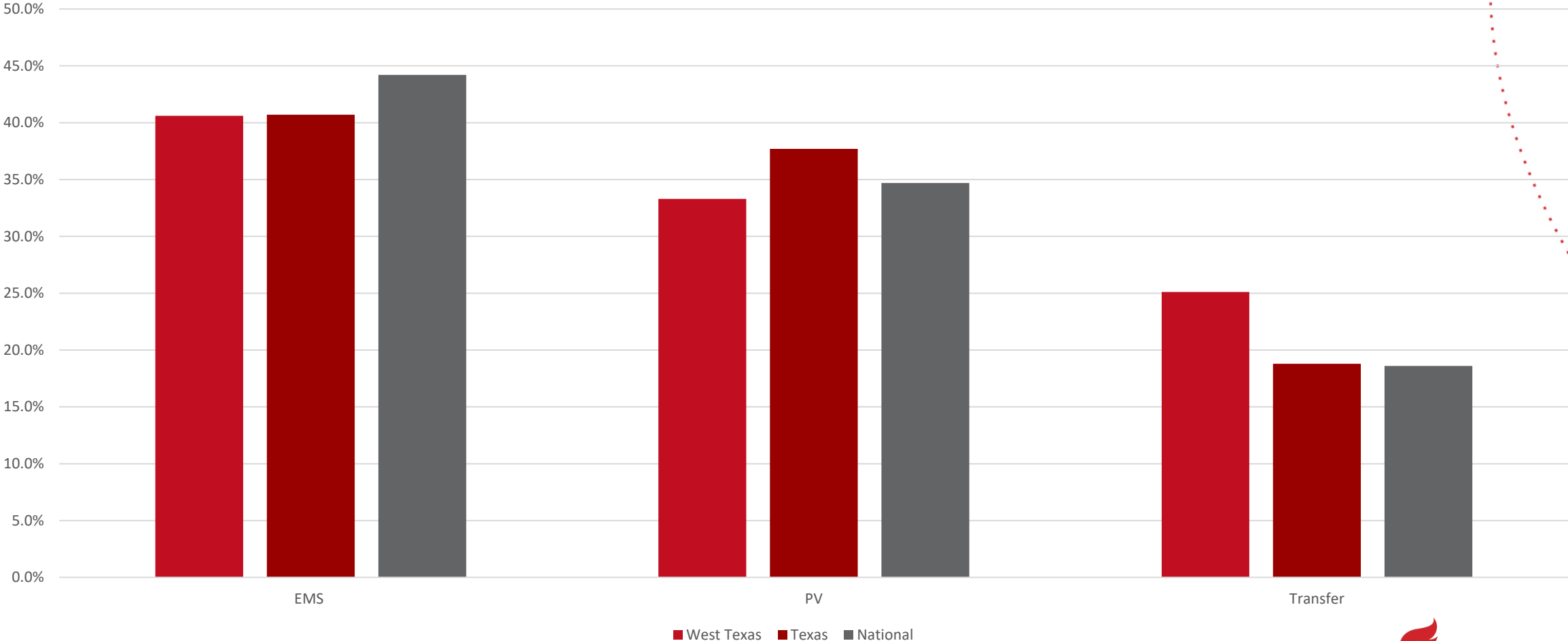
# ADVANCED NOTIFICATION BY EMS FROM SCENE



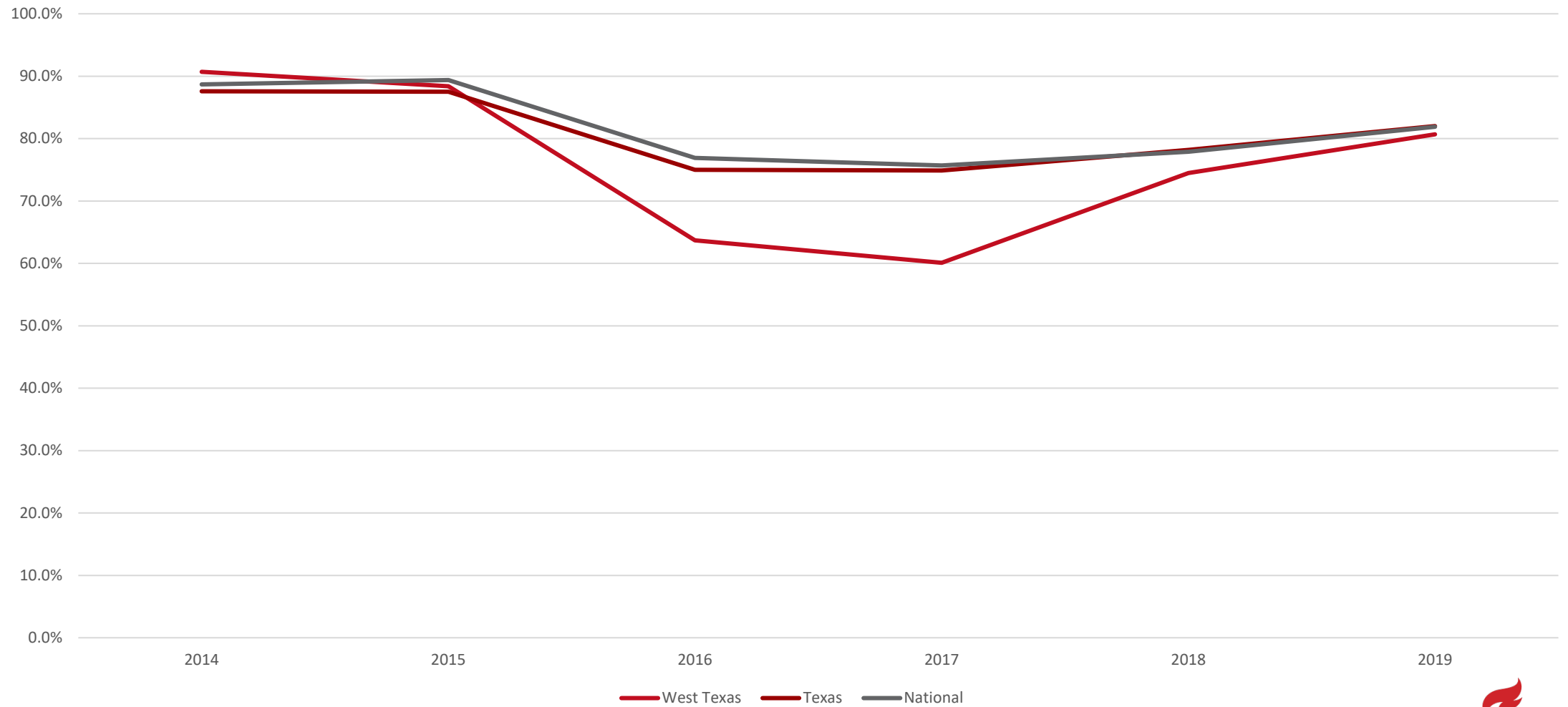


# MODE OF ARRIVAL - 2019

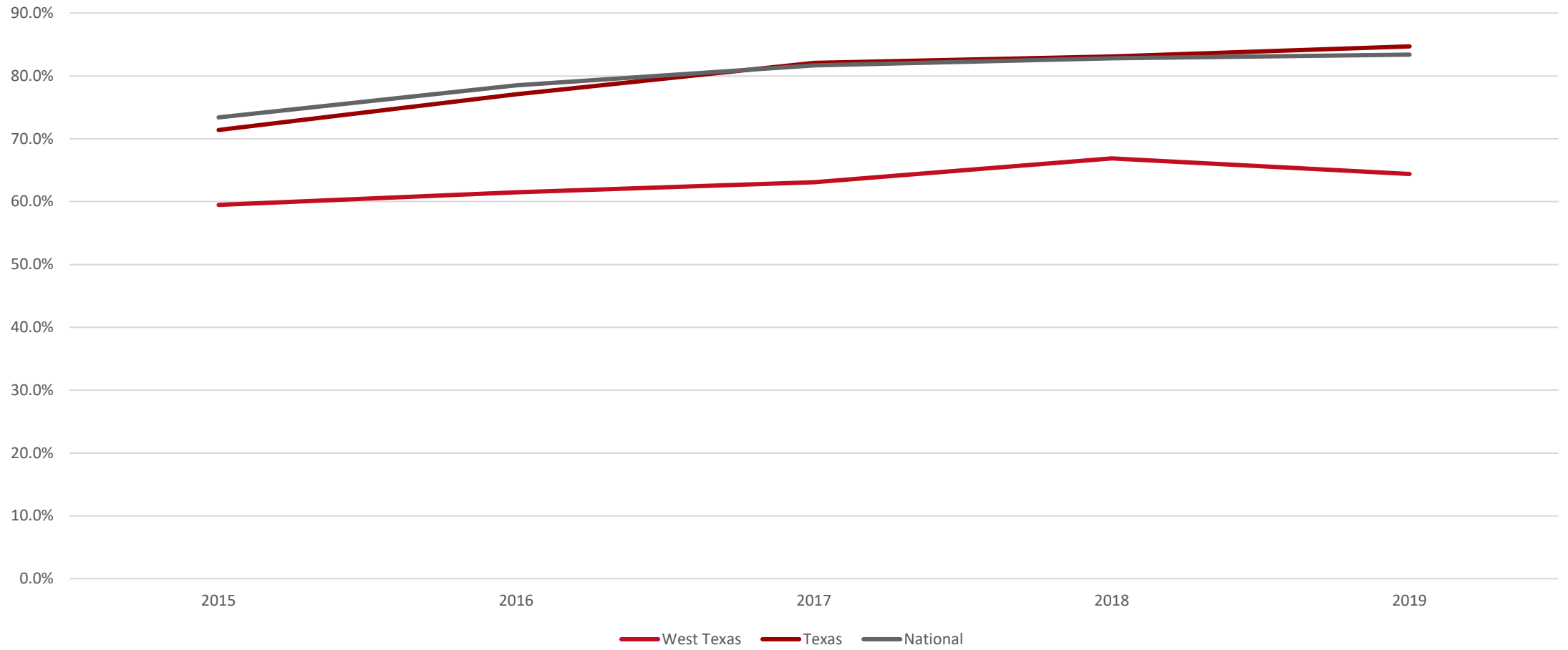
Arrival Mode 2019



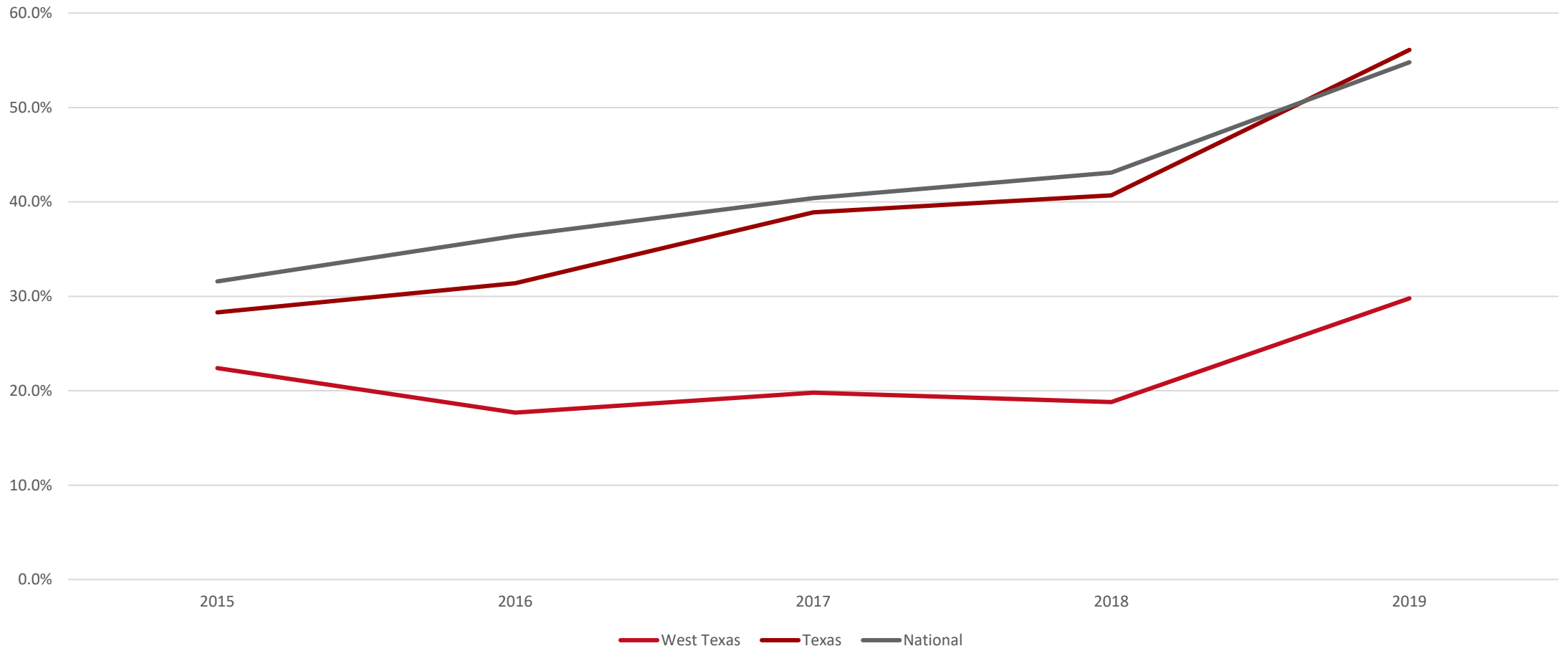
# ARRIVE BY 2 HOURS; TREAT BY 3 HOURS



# DOOR TO ALTEPLASE 60 MIN



# DOOR TO ALTEPLASE – 45 MIN.

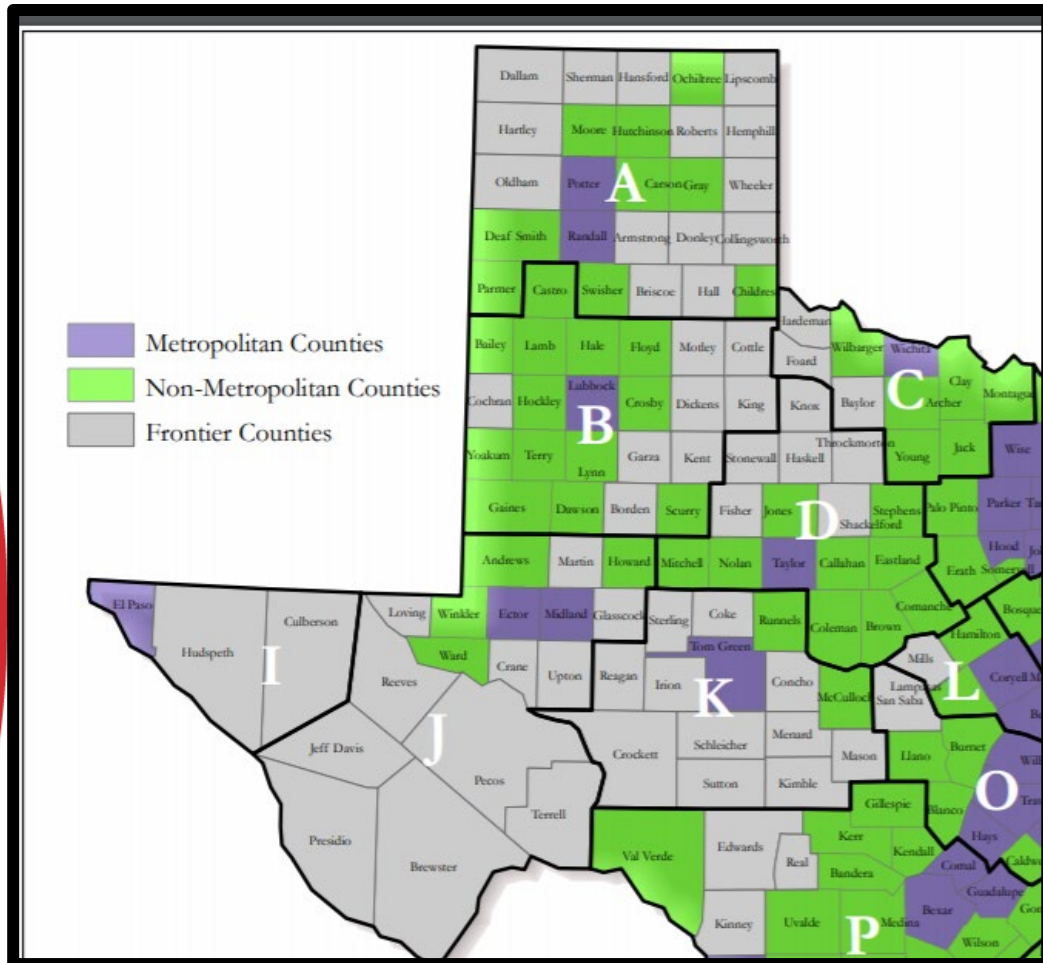




# COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CARE IN THE RURAL AND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL SETTING

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# FRONTIER- RURAL – URBAN BY RAC



- A. Panhandle RAC** – 17 hospitals; 47 EMS services; 3 air medical; 5 fire depts
- B. BRAC** – 22 Counties; 39 EMS services; 1 PSC; Regional Stroke Plan
- C. North Texas RAC** – 10 counties; 10 hospitals; 16 EMS Providers; 1 air medical
- D. Big Country RAC** – 16 counties; 3 stroke coordinators; stroke plan
- J. Texas "J" RAC** – No stroke info
- K. Concho Valley RAC** – No website

Metropolitan County = 50,000 + inhabitants  
 Non-Metropolitan County = < 50,000 inhabitants  
 Frontier County = 6 or fewer people per square mile ext

Source: DSHS, Office of EMS/Trauma System  
 Map Author: Center for Health Statistics, GIS, March 2018

Note: Population Data from 2010 US Census



<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/etrarac.shtm#top>







# QUESTIONS

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