We are treating increasingly higher numbers of acute stroke patients with intravenous clot-busting drugs (IV tPA) or mechanical removal of the clot. Calling 911 allows EMS to activate our stroke pathway immediately to ensure treatment is as fast as possible.  

*Time is brain!*
We treat greater than 20% of our ischemic stroke patients with IV tPA each year, well above the national average. Nearly 100% are treated within the first 60 minutes of hospital arrival--our goal and Joint Commission standard.
Mechanical Thrombectomy Benchmarks

Arrival --------------- Groin Puncture
2016    102 minutes
2017    111 minutes

Arrival ------------------------------- Recanalization
2016    160 minutes
2017    181 minutes

*mean times reported, includes patients treated in <6 hours and those treated in the extended window based on favorable imaging results

Time is also vitally important when considering mechanical clot removal. We continue to work on decreasing our door-to-recanalization (vessel opening) times, which are currently on par with the national average and Joint Commission standards.