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Ensuring Access to Health Care Virtual Care/Telehealth



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Task Force on Ensuring Access in Vulnerable Communities

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Millions of Americans living in vulnerable rural and urban communities depend upon their hospital as an important, and often only, source of care. However, these communities and their hospitals face many challenges. As the hospital field engages in its most significant transformation to date, some communities may be at risk for losing access to health care services. It will be necessary for payers and health care providers to work together to develop strategies that support the preservation of health care services for all Americans.

Recognizing this, the American Hospital Association (AHA) Board of Trustees, in 2015, created a task force to address these challenges and examine ways in which hospitals can help ensure access to health care services in vulnerable communities. The task force considered a number of integrated, comprehensive strategies to reform health care delivery and payment. Their report sets forth a menu of options from which communities may select based on their unique needs, support structures and preferences. The ultimate goal is to provide vulnerable communities and the hospitals that serve them with the tools necessary to determine the essential services they should strive to maintain locally, and the delivery system options that will allow them to do so. While the task force's focus was on vulnerable communities, these strategies may have broader applicability for all communities as hospitals redefine how they provide better, more integrated care.



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To learn more about the work of this AHA Task Force, please visit www.aha.org/ensuringaccess

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Essential Health Care Service

Emerging Strategy

Table 1									
	Primary care	Psychiatric and substance use treatment services	ED and observation care	Prenatal care	Transportation	Diagnostic services	Home care	Dentistry services	Robust referral structure
Addressing the Social Determinants of Health					X				X
Global Budget Payments	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Inpatient/Outpatient Transformation Strategy	X	X	X	X		X			X
Emergency Medical Center	X		X		X	X			X
Urgent Care Center	X					X			X
Virtual Care Strategies	X	X	X						X
Frontier Health System	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rural Hospital-Health Clinic Strategy	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Indian Health Services Strategies	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X



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Virtual Care Strategies

Virtual care strategies may be used to maintain or supplement access to health care services. These strategies could offer benefits such as immediate, 24/7 access to physicians and other health care providers, the ability to perform high-tech monitoring and less expensive and more convenient care options for patients.



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Case Examples



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Demographics and Stats

Wagner, SD

- **Population – 1,573** (Rural/Frontier)
- **Service Area – 3,800**
- **AMI - \$36,371, Nationally - \$56,516**
- **Living in poverty – 30.4%, Nationally – 14.5%**
- **Below 50% of poverty – 28.6%, Nationally 6.1%**
- **Closest PPS – 50 miles**
- **Closest tertiary hospital – 120 miles**

Stats

Wagner Community Memorial Hospital – Avera

- **Affiliation: “Management Agreement” with Avera Health**
 - **Financial risk is with local association**
- **ADC – 1 Acute, 1 Swingbed, 1 OBS**
- **ED visits – 2,000**
 - **1.25 visits per Wagner resident**
 - **0.52 visits per service area resident**
- **85% Governmental Payor Mix**
 - **45% Medicare**
 - **22% Medicaid**
 - **13% Indian Health Services**
 - **5% Other – VA, TriCare, etc...**

Wagner Community
Memorial Hospital

Avera 

eServices

- **Contracted through Avera eCare**
- **Hub 120 miles away**
- **Services Contracted:**
 - **eEmergency**
 - **eICU**
 - **eHospitalist (coming soon)**
 - **ePharmacy**
 - **eConsult (ID and coming soon Psychiatry)**
 - **Radiology Reading**

Wagner Community
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Avera 

Financial Impact

- **Introduced APP's as primary and eEmergency as sole physician back-up in 2014**
- **40% of ER on call covered by APPs in FY16, estimated to be 60% by FY18**
- **Reduced FY16 direct ER expenses by 25% from FY14**
- **Reduced FY16 direct ER expenses to FY12 levels**

Wagner Community
Memorial Hospital

Avera 

Quality Impact

- **Inpatient:**
 - **Patient Advocacy** (likelihood to recommend)
 - 46th percentile – June 2014
 - 96th percentile – April 2017
 - **Overall Rating of the Hospital**
 - 22nd percentile - June 2014
 - 83rd percentile - April 2017
- **Emergency Department**
 - **Patient Advocacy** (likelihood to recommend)
 - 60th percentile – June 2014
 - 92nd percentile – April 2017
 - **Overall Rating of the ED**
 - 71st percentile - June 2014
 - 89th percentile - April 2017
- **No adverse incidences**

Take Away's

- **Supplement not Substitute, telemedicine is a tool**
- **“Essential” services not “Want/Wish” lists**
- **Status Quo no longer: If we don't lead the way to new delivery and payment models we will be force to accept the hand dealt us and stating “your going to close down hospitals” is “crying wolf” and no longer effective!!!!**

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Ensuring Patient Access to Care and Supporting Hospitals in Providing Care



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Mark Twain Outpatient Clinic



**Dignity Health Telemedicine Network (DHTN)
Program Goal**

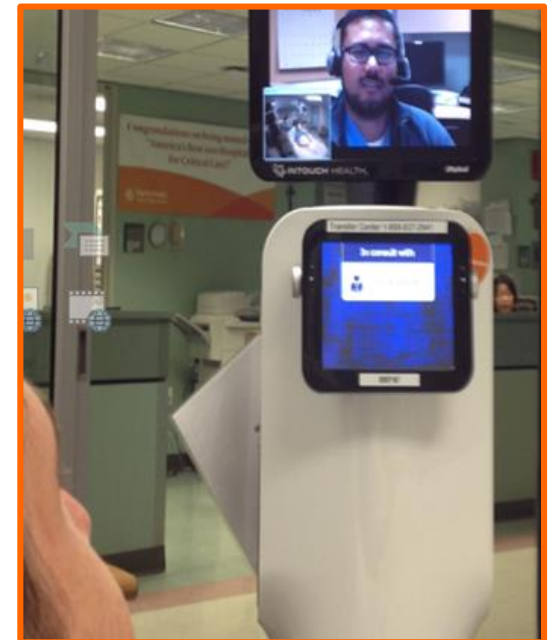
Provide timely access to high
quality specialized healthcare
services that are not readily
available

“LEAD WITH SERVICE...
DELIVER ON QUALITY”

Dignity Health Telemedicine Network (DHTN)

History

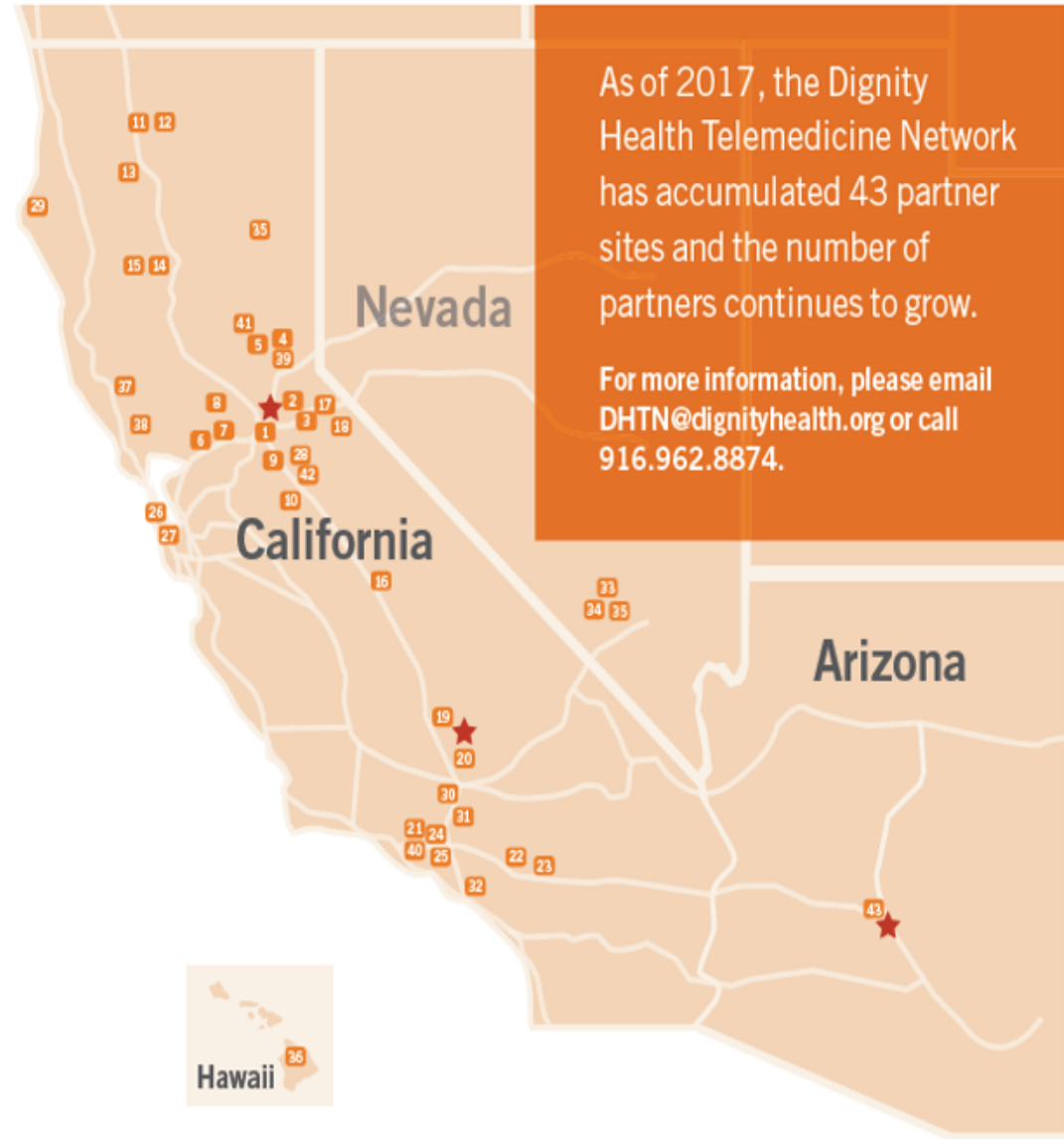
- ✓ The Mercy Telehealth Network Founded - 2008
- ✓ Recognized as the Dignity Health Telemedicine Network (DHTN) - 2014
- ✓ Approved to manage telehealth activities for Dignity Health and DHMF - 2016
- ✓ Fun Facts as of CY2016
 - 82 end points (robots)
 - 60 specialists
 - 12 Live services
 - 43 partner sites
- **30,000 patient encounters in CY 2016**



Telemedicine Network

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 Mercy General Hospital | 23 Community Hospital of San Bernardino |
| 2 Mercy San Juan Medical Center | 24 St. John's Regional Medical Center |
| 3 Mercy Hospital of Folsom | 25 St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital |
| 4 Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital | 26 St. Francis Memorial Hospital |
| 5 Sierra Nevada Medical Foundation | 27 Sequoia Hospital |
| 6 NorthBay Medical Center | 28 Oak Valley Hospital |
| 7 NorthBay VacaValley Hospital | 29 St. Joseph Hospital Eureka |
| 8 Woodland Healthcare | 30 Mercy Downtown Hospital |
| 9 Methodist Hospital of Sacramento | 31 Mercy Southwest Hospital |
| 10 St. Joseph's Medical Center | 32 St. Mary Medical Center |
| 11 Mercy Medical Center—Mt. Shasta | 33 St. Rose Dominican Hospital—Rose de Lima |
| 12 Mercy Medical Center—Mt. Shasta Clinics | 34 St. Rose Dominican Hospital—Siena |
| 13 Mercy Medical Center—Redding | 35 St. Rose Dominican Hospital—San Martin |
| 14 St. Elizabeth Community Hospital | 36 Kona Community Hospital |
| 15 Red Bluff Care Center | 37 Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital |
| 16 Mercy Medical Center Merced | 38 Petaluma Valley Hospital |
| 17 Mark Twain Medical Center | 39 Lady of Lourdes Life Center, Auburn |
| 18 Mark Twain Medical Center Clinics | 40 Northridge Hospital Medical Center |
| 19 Bakersfield Memorial Hospital | 41 Rideout Memorial Hospital |
| 20 Kern Valley Healthcare District | 42 Bruceville Terrace Skilled Nursing |
| 21 California Hospital Medical Center | 43 St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center |
| 22 St. Bernardine Medical Center | |

★ Dignity Health Telemedicine Network Hubs



As of 2017, the Dignity Health Telemedicine Network has accumulated 43 partner sites and the number of partners continues to grow.

For more information, please email DHTN@dignityhealth.org or call 916.962.8874.

Dignity Health Telemedicine Network (DHTN)

Available Services

ACUTE

- Stroke/Neurology
- Behavioral Health
- Critical Care/ICU
- EEG
- Nephrology
- Newborn Care
- Pediatrics
- PFT

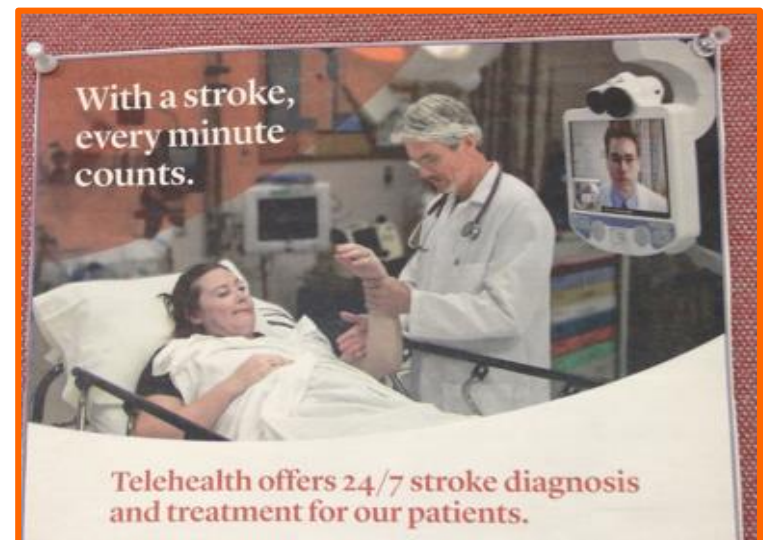
AMBULATORY & POST-ACUTE

- Behavioral Health
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Geriatrics
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Pulmonology
- Thoracic Surgery

POPULATION HEALTH/HOME (launching)

- Asthma
- CHF
- COPD
- Diabetes
- Low Acuity Video Visits

TeleStroke TeleNeurology

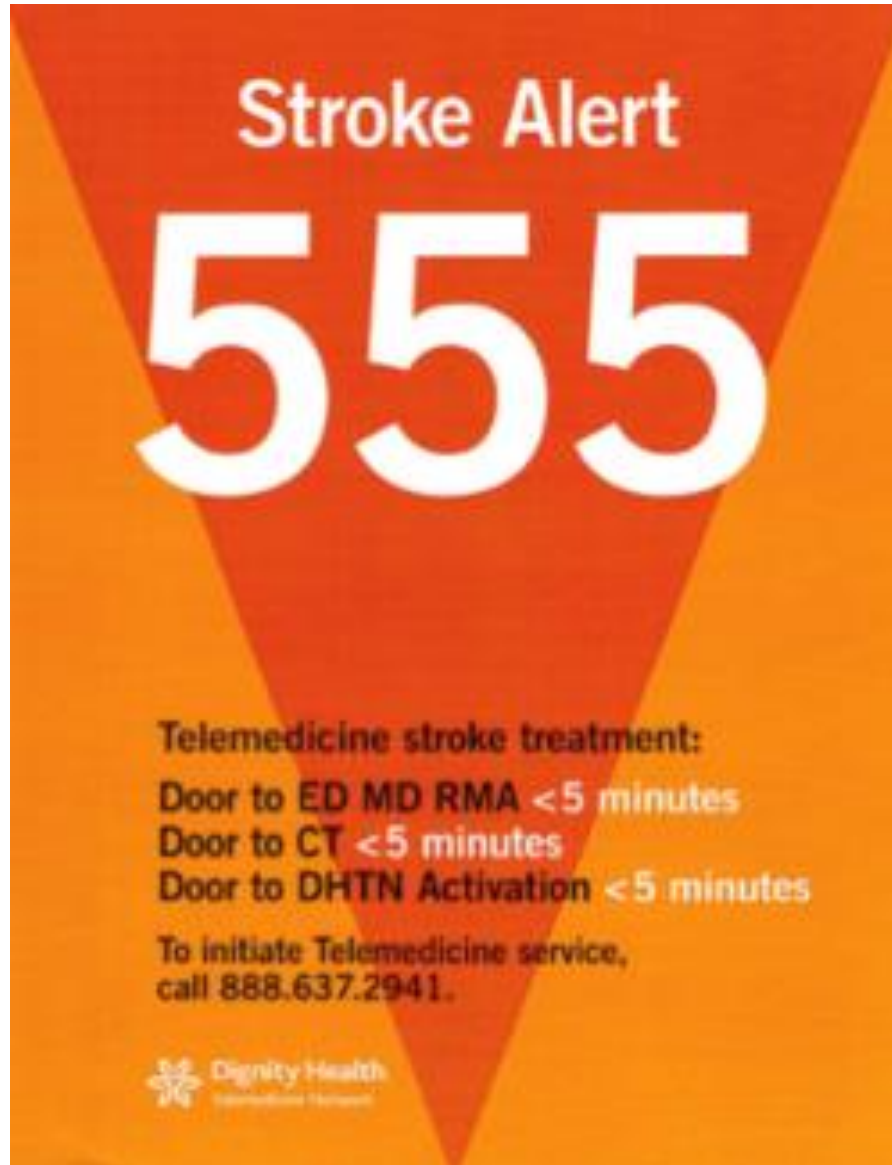


Why TeleStroke?

“ Telestroke networks should be deployed wherever a lack of **readily available stroke expertise** prevents patients in a given community from accessing a primary stroke center (or center of equivalent capability) **within a reasonable distance or travel time** to permit eligibility for intravenous thrombolytic therapy. ”

—ASA recommendations for the implementation of telemedicine within stroke systems of care, 2009

TELESTROKE PROCESS




Stroke Alert

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Telemedicine stroke treatment:
Door to ED MD RMA <5 minutes
Door to CT <5 minutes
Door to DHTN Activation <5 minutes

To initiate Telemedicine service,
call 888.637.2941.

 **Dignity Health**
Telemedicine Network

Dignity Health Stroke Timeline Report

Patient Name: _____
 MRN: _____
 Date of Birth: _____

Hospital: _____
 Onset Time: _____
 Age: _____



0 min	≤10 min	≤15 min	≤25 min	≤45 min	≤45 min	60 min	≤60 min
Suspected stroke patient arrives at ED	Initiate ED Rapid Medical Assessment (RMA) including patient history, last known well/time of symptom onset, NIHSS and order CT and lab work	Notify Stroke Team (including neurologic expertise)	Initiate CT scan	Interpret CT scan and labs; review patient eligibility for Activase	Activase (tPA) recommended	Review patient eligibility for Endovascular Reperfusion Therapy (Intraarterial Thrombolysis)	Give Activase bolus and initiate infusion in eligible patients
Goal Time:							
Feb 13 2016 11:26 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:36 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:41 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:51 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:11 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:11 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:26 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:26 PST
Actual Time:							
Feb 13 2016 11:26 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:30 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:31 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:45 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:53 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:45 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:40 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:01 PST
Difference:							
0 min	-6 min	-10 min	-6 min	-18 min	-26 min	-46 min	-25 min

Comments:



PARTNER SITE WORKFLOW CHECKLIST

Telestroke Steps:

- Patient is identified with stroke like symptoms; *determine last known well time*
- Rapid medical assessment (RMA) by Partner Site Physician
 - Target < 5 minutes; Door (ED) to RMA
- Call Internal stroke alert
- Call **Dignity Health Transfer Center (DHTC): 1-888-637-2941**
 - Target < 5 min; Door (ED) to call
- Patient taken *straight* to CT **on EMS gurney** (ED Admit)
- Place robot at the foot of the bed when patient returns from CT
 - Door (ED) to CT < 5 minutes
- Make sure patient is verbally consented for telemedicine
- Be prepared to assist with the NIHSS stroke scale
 - Concentrate on: *Visual field testing, extinction, and neglect*
- Be thinking about tPA preparation
- Once tPA is recommended; administration of bolus
 - Target <10 minutes; after receiving the recommendation
 - Monitor for improvement
 - RN communicates with Partner Site MD if patient is not improving within 15 minutes
- Screen for Endovascular Reperfusion Therapy for stroke patients
 - If appropriate, arrange for rapid transfer for possible intervention

Things to Remember:

- Partner Site RN or Physician **must** stay with the robot
 - Do not leave the robot unattended once a telestroke consult is requested
- Partner Site Physician **must** write the order for tPA
- Partner Site RN's **do not** take verbal orders from Teleneurologist
- Robot **must** be returned its docking area and plugged in when not in use

STROKE ALERT -WHEN TO CALL

- New or Acute Change in Mental Status or LOC
- Sudden Unilateral Weakness or Numbness of the Face, Arm or Leg
- Sudden Trouble Speaking, Understanding or Slurred Speech
- Sudden Trouble Seeing in One or Both Eyes
- Sudden Confusion, Agitation or Delirium
- New Onset Seizure Activity
- Sudden Severe Headache with no Know Cause
- Sudden Onset Blown Pupil
- Sudden Onset Nausea, Dizziness, Nausea, Vomiting with or without Gait Instability

Discussion

Questions and Comments



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Save the Date!

June 20	Social Determinants of Health
September 21	Hospital/Health Clinic Partnerships
October 12	Emergency Medical and Urgent Care Centers

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