

Tele-Stroke Program to Assist Patients at CCH

Cuero Community Hospital is excited to announce a new venture in technology and healthcare beginning in mid October for its patients. CCH has connected with Methodist Healthcare's Tele-Stroke Program, which utilizes proven, internet technology to bring valuable stroke services to rural communities that need 24 hour a day, 7 days a week acute stroke coverage.

Through the Tele-Stroke program, highly-qualified neurologists can be joined remotely to Cuero Community Hospital using a video-enabled examination system located in the Emergency Department. When a patient comes to the CCH Emergency Room with symptoms of a stroke, the ER physician and nursing staff will connect to a neurologist through the Tele-Stroke system. The Tele-Stroke system provides a synchronized video and audio screen so that the patient and neurologist can both see and speak to one another as if they were in the same room. It allows the neurologist to examine the patient through the video connection, determine if a stroke has or is occurring and evaluate the severity of the patient's condition. This FDA approved technology allows the patient, neurologist, ER physician and nursing staff all to communicate together and to determine the patient's best plan of care.

The goal of this innovative program is to bring quality acute stroke diagnosis and treatment to rural communities who do not have a full time, staffed neurologist as in metro area hospitals.

Time is of the essence with stroke victims. Through Tele-Stroke, patients can receive connection quickly to stroke-trained neurologists from the nearby location of their hometown hospital, Cuero Community Hospital.