

# Stroke certification

- The Joint Commission offers four advanced levels of stroke certification for accredited hospitals
- Program requirements were developed in collaboration with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Certification (AHA/ASA)

The Joint Commission's four stroke certification programs are:

- [Acute Stroke Ready Hospital](#) (ASRH)
- [Primary Stroke Center](#) (PSC)
- [Comprehensive Stroke Center](#) (CSC)
- [Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center](#) (TSC)

Applicants for advanced certification must meet the requirements for [Disease-Specific Care Certification](#) plus additional, clinically specific requirements and expectations. Each stroke program has different requirements for diagnostic testing capability, neurosurgical services and clinical performance measures.

A [comparison grid](#) provides specific requirements for each program.

*Note: See the Disease-Specific Care standards manual for further explanation on the requirements in the grid and additional requirements for each of the programs.*

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- [Benefits of certification](#)
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- [Public information about certification](#)
- [DSC webpage](#)
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