

Telestroke aids critical care when seconds count

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Telemedicine is a common and useful part of today's health care landscape. But it's sometimes not fast. So how can telemedicine play a critical role when millions of brain cells are at stake in a matter of minutes?

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Enter telestroke. Doctors see people virtually when they come to the Emergency Department with a suspected stroke.

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"We see patients quickly. We triage them from hospital to hospital. That provides very quick treatment."
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Each minute a stroke goes untreated, the brain loses around 2 million cells it cannot recover. Strokes can also have life-altering consequences like vision, walking and swallowing difficulties. They can take years off your life and put you at risk of another stroke.