

SEBASTOPOL HOSPITAL GETS STROKE CERTIFICATION

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Palm Drive Hospital in Sebastopol became certified as a primary stroke center last week.

It became the second hospital in Sonoma County to earn the certification. Kaiser Permanente in Santa Rosa is also certified.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 137,000 Americans every year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The American Osteopathic Association bestowed the certification on Palm Drive Hospital on Thursday. At the Sebastopol hospital, a stroke patient can be examined, diagnosed and begin treatment within one hour of arriving at the emergency room, according to the hospital. The standard is three hours.

Palm Drive Hospital is owned and operated by the Palm Drive Health Care District and is governed by a publicly elected, five-member board of directors. It has annual revenues of about \$30 million.

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