

IMPROVING TELESTROKE CARE: DECREASING “DOOR-IN-DOOR-OUT” TIMES (DIDO)

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DOOR IN, DOOR OUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



**Reduce Door-
In-Door-Out
Times because
...**

- It's patient oriented.
- It's a critical metric associated with clinical outcomes.
- It's a statewide effort led by Utah Stroke Task Force.
- Recommendation of transfers < 75 minutes.



Certification
Meets standards for
Comprehensive Stroke Center

BACKGROUND

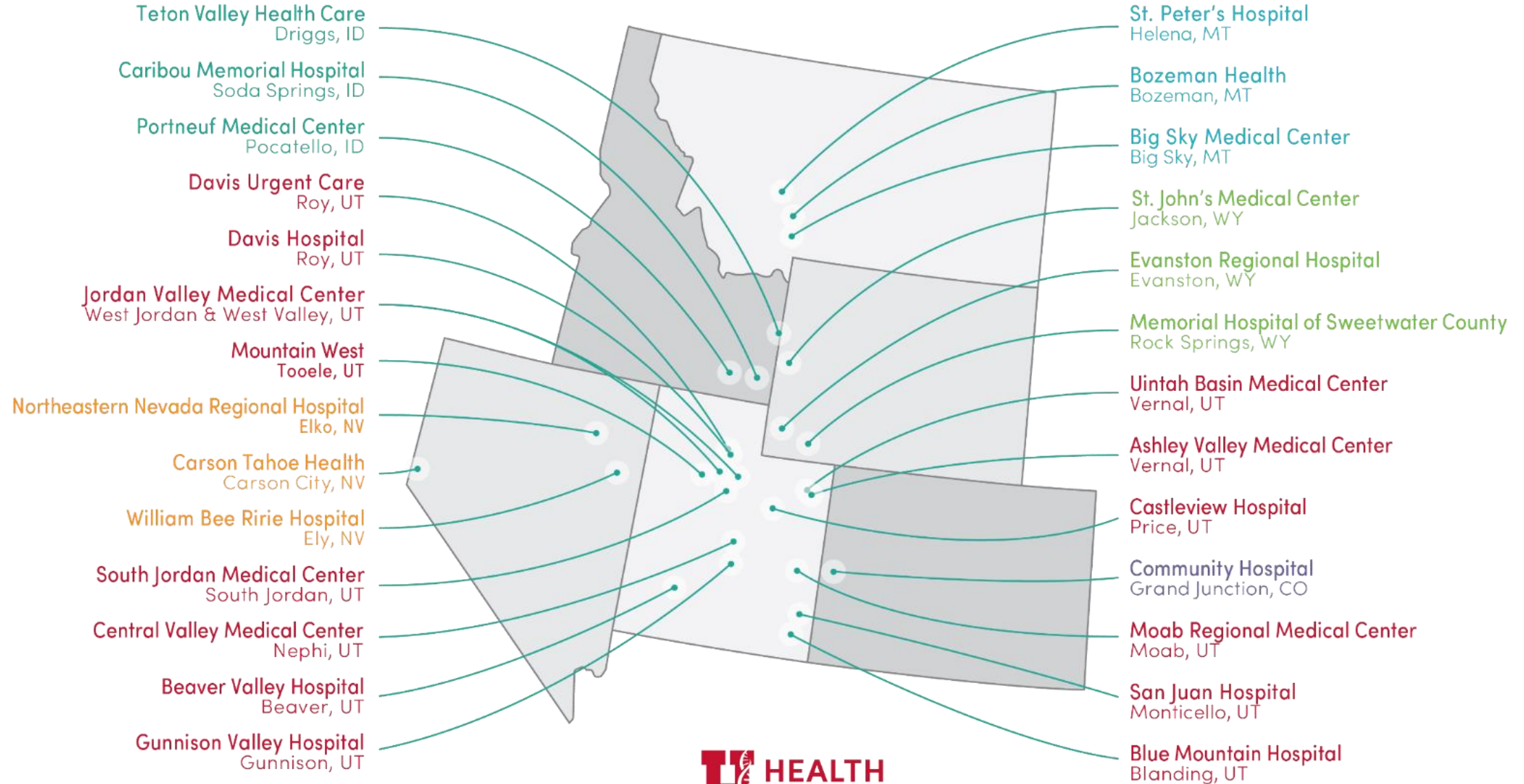
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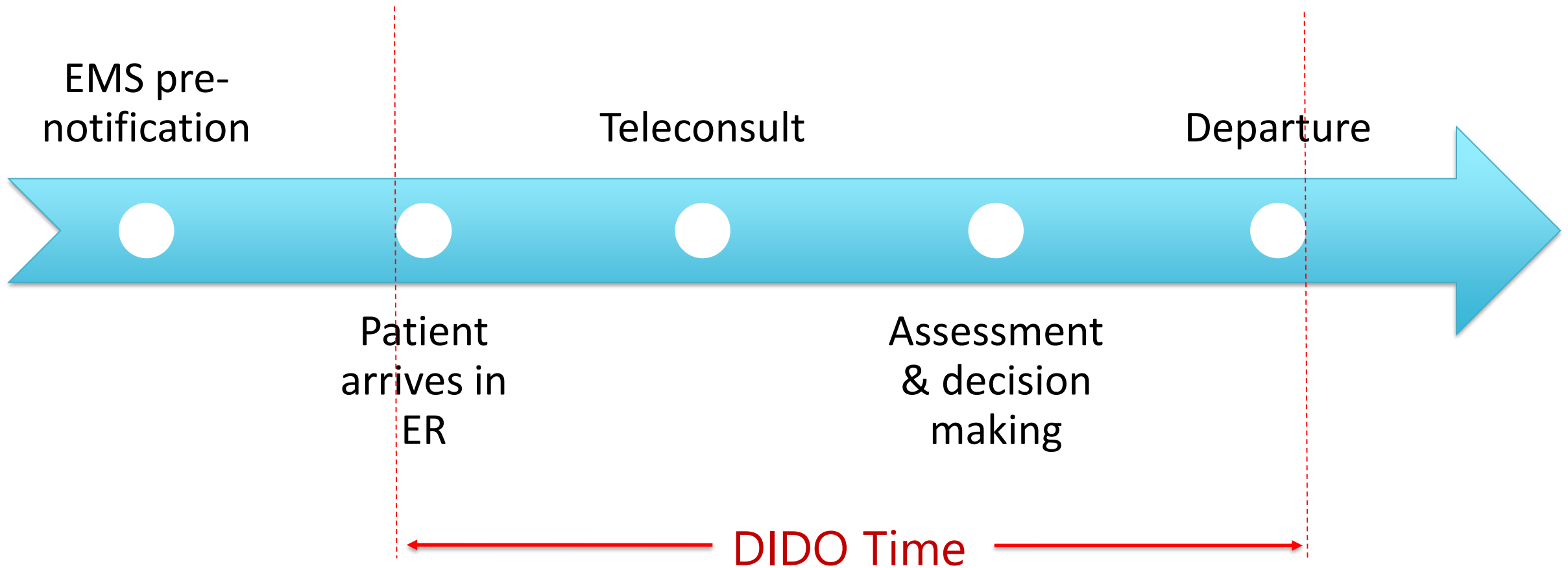
←
**Stroke
Receiving**

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**Critical
Access**

TeleStroke Sites



Simplified Process Map

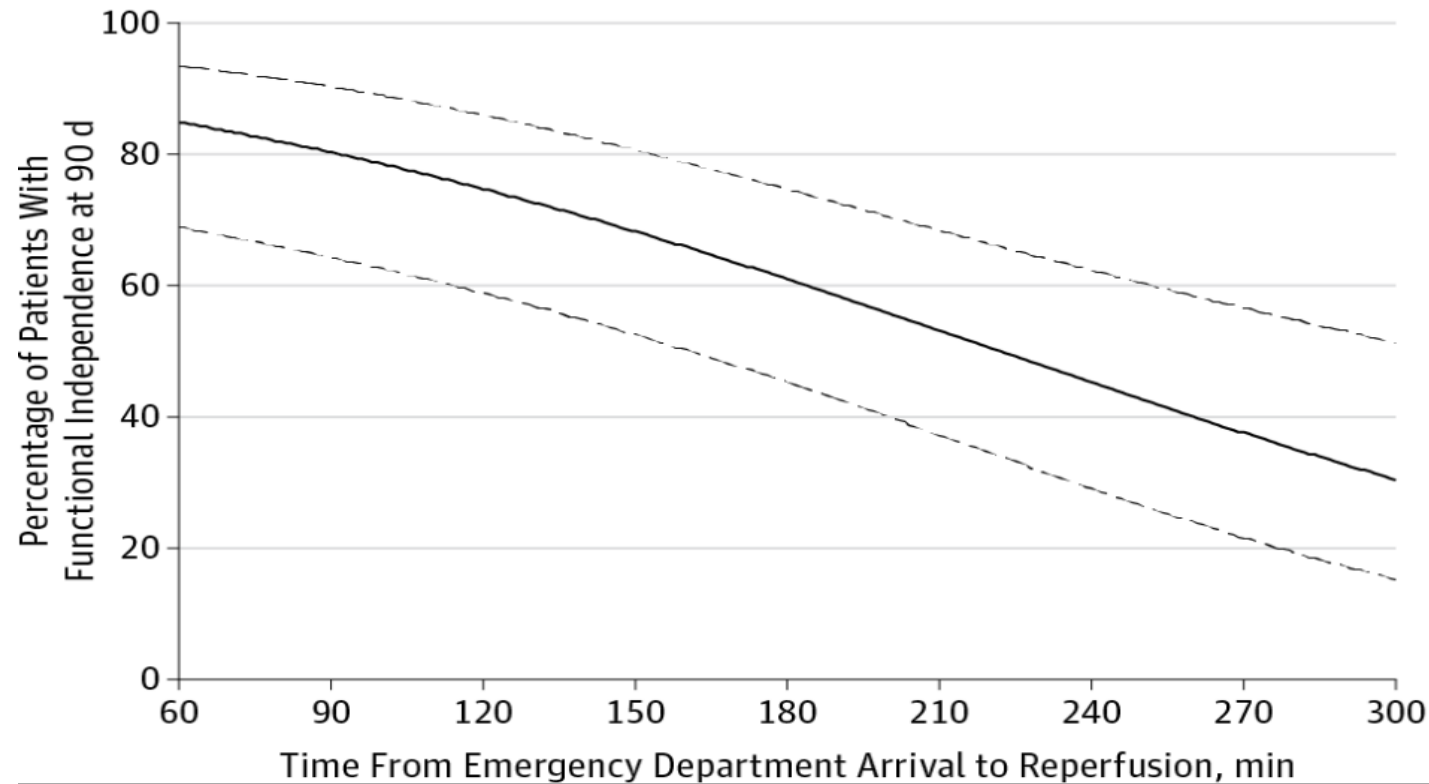


DIDO - THE NEED FOR SPEED

Why is this so important?

Tissue reperfusion within 150 min of Last Known Well carries a ~91% probability of regaining functional independence. (*Curr Atheroscler Rep* (2017) 19:52)

A Functional independence (mRS 0-2) by time from emergency department arrival to actual substantial reperfusion



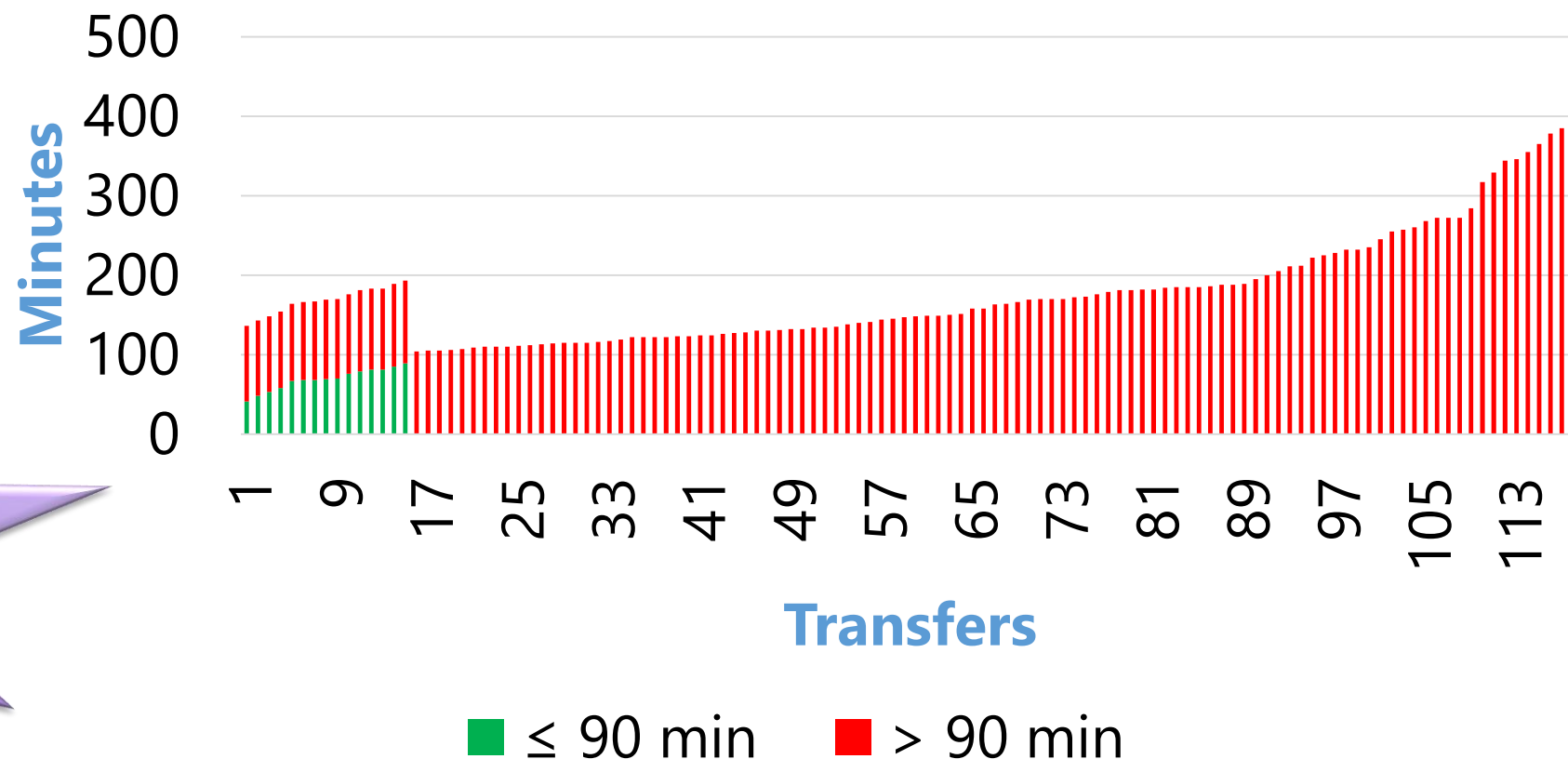
Note: Reprinted from Time to Treatment With Endovascular Thrombectomy and Outcomes From Ischemic Stroke: A Meta-analysis by JL Saver, 2016.

UTAH STROKE TASKFORCE RECOMMENDS A GOAL OF 75 MIN!

DIDO
Average:
158.6
minutes!

January '17 – March '18

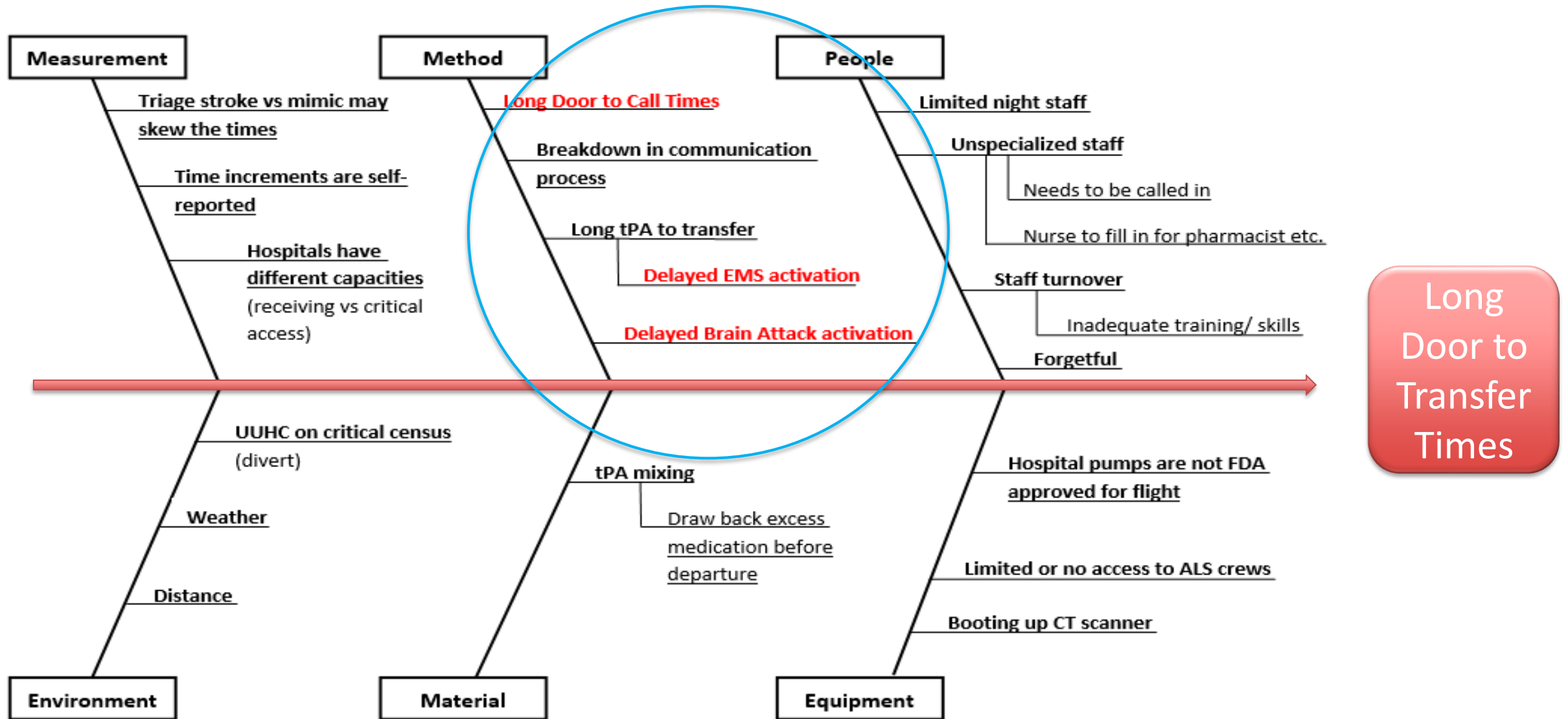
Baseline DIDO Times for UUHC Network



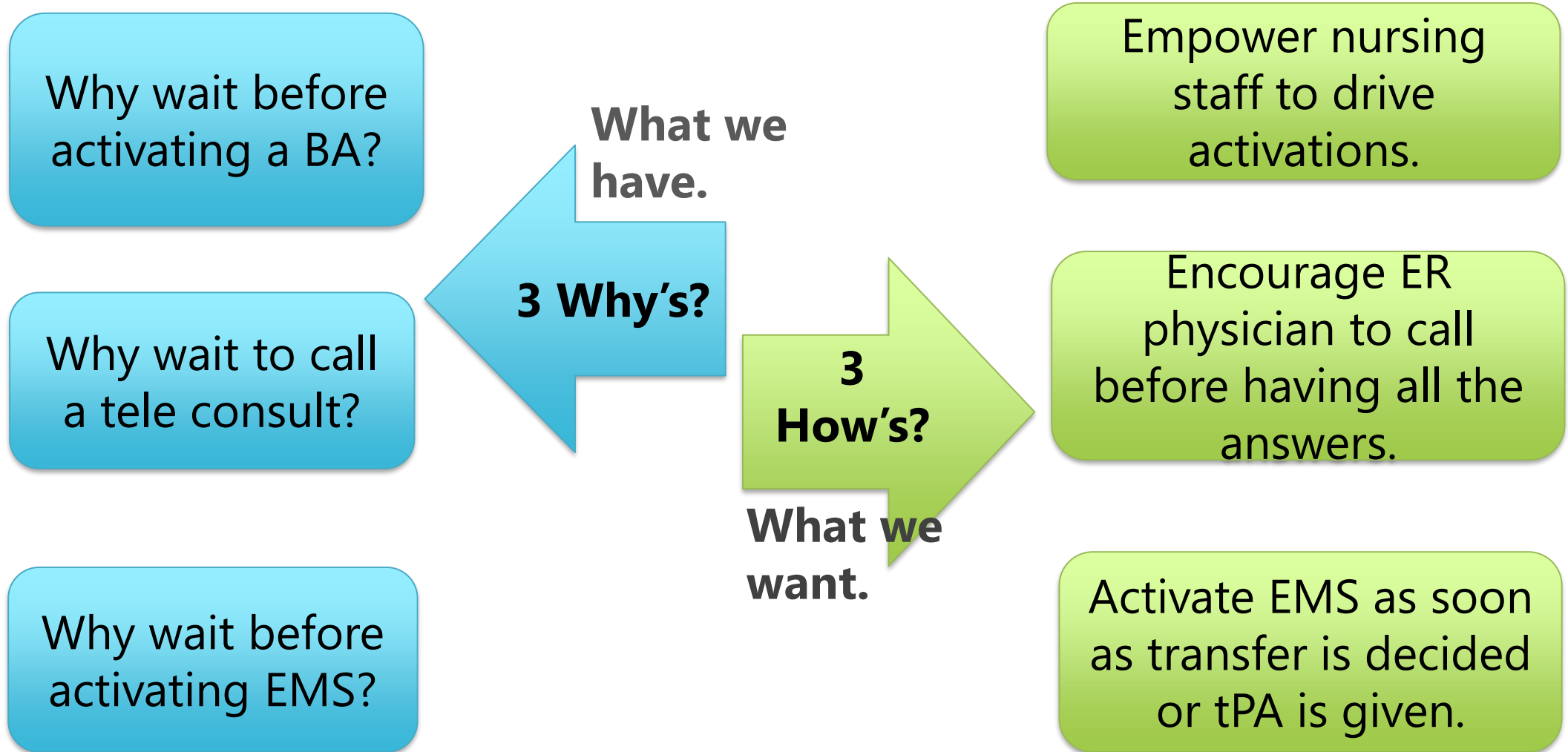
OUR 5 SELECTED SITES STATEWIDE



Root Cause Analysis



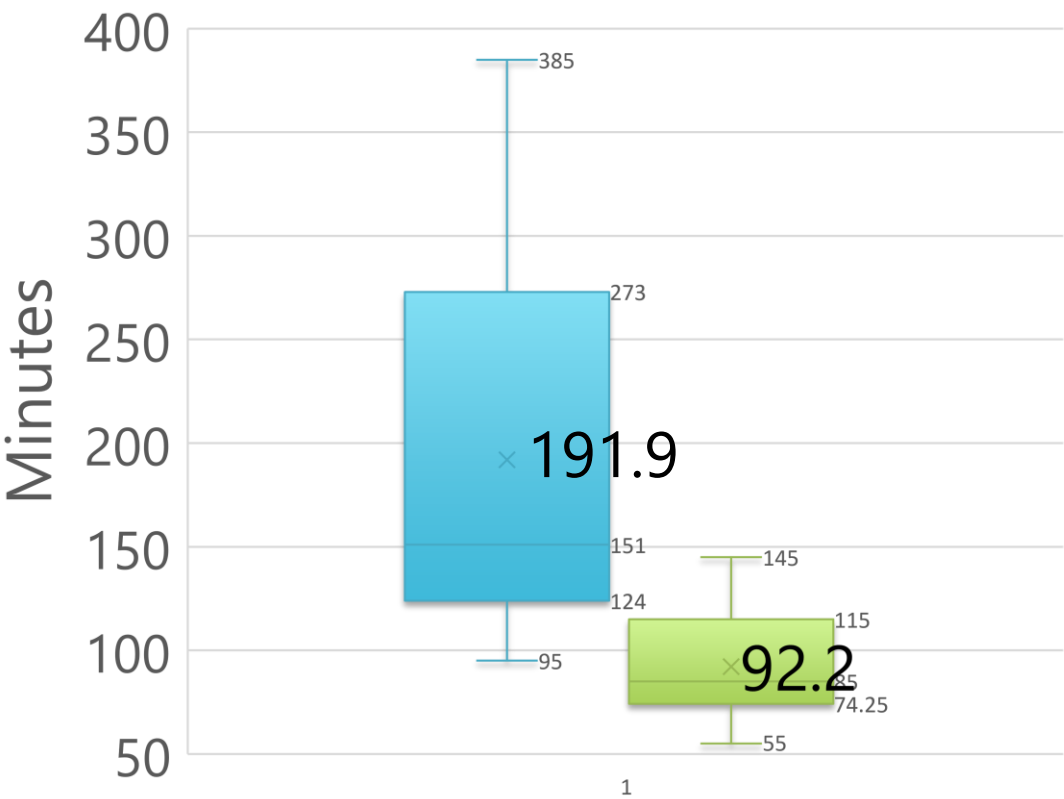
Targeted Root Causes



RESULTS (SELECTED SITES)

Immediate Results

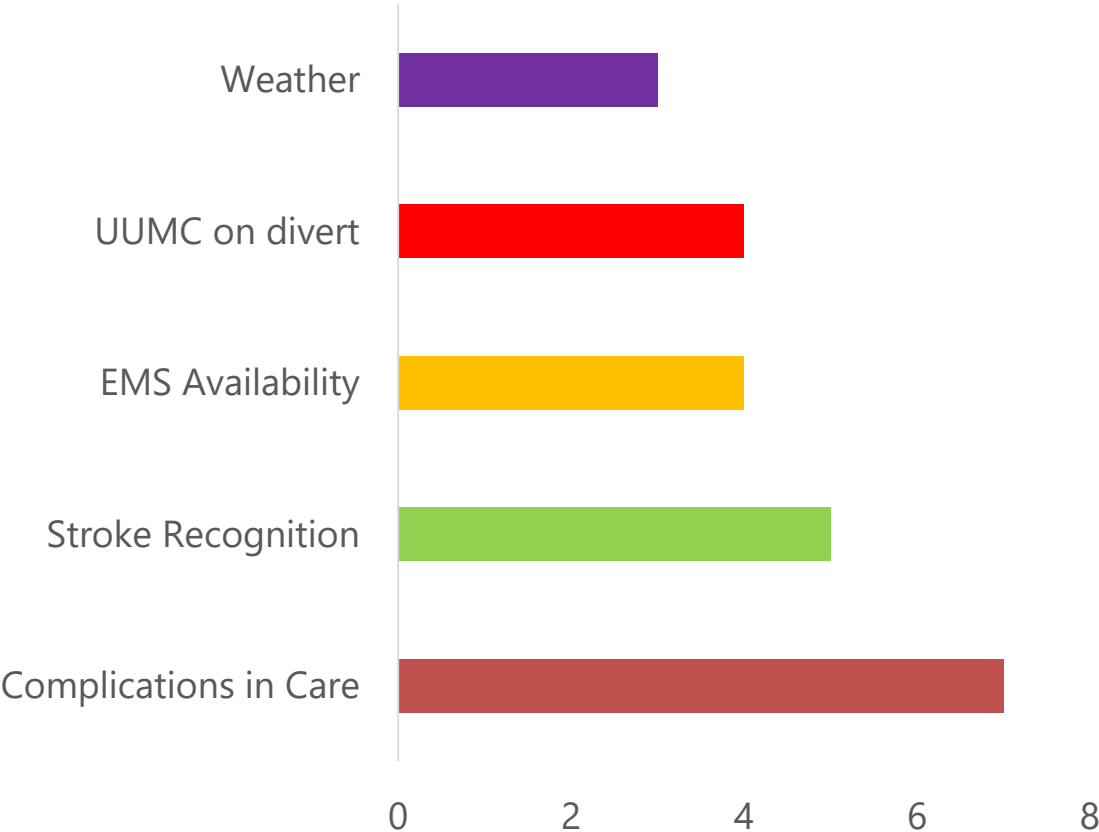
Jan - Mar '18 Apr - Jun '18



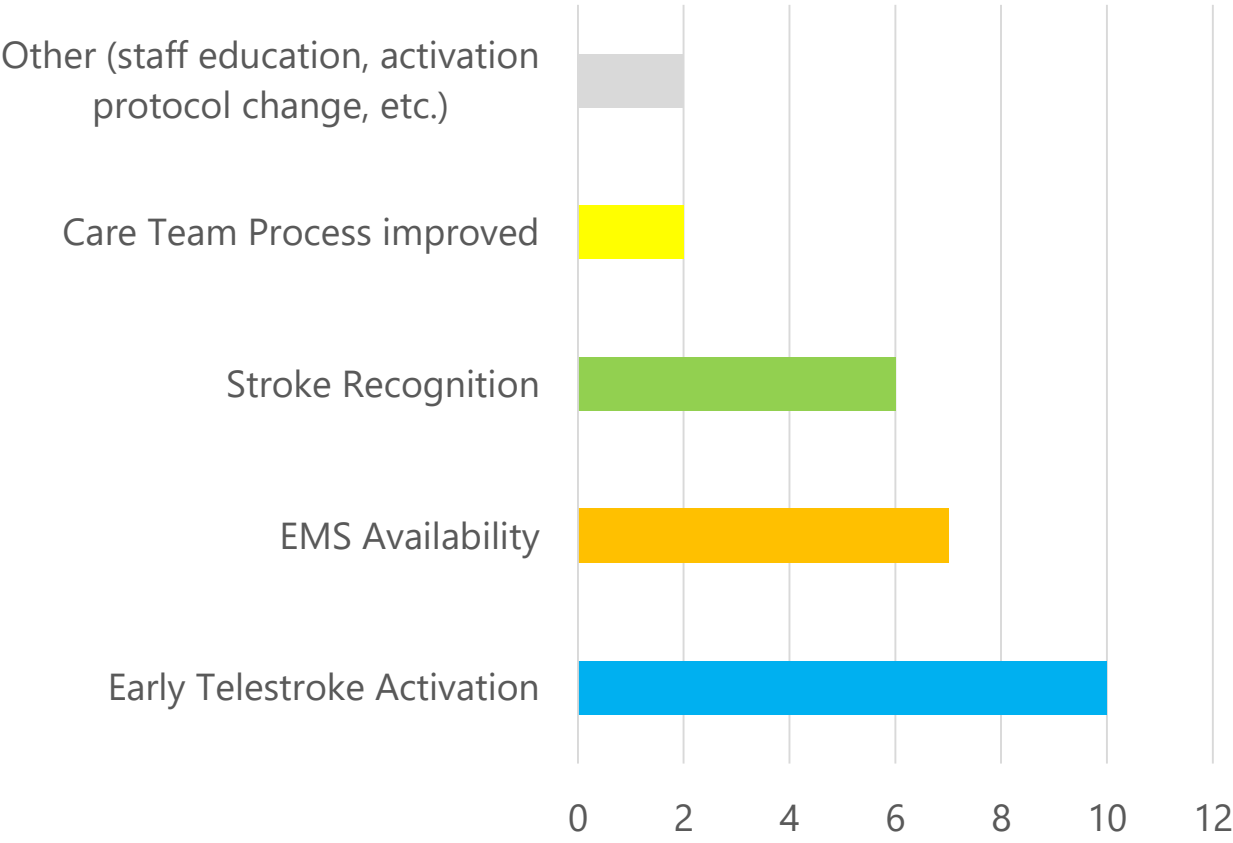
	Jan'17- Mar'18	Apr'18- July'19
Mean	148.5 min	115.9 min
Median	123 min	99.5 min
25% Quartile	102 min	81.25 min
75% Quartile	176 min	139.5 min
Two-tailed p-value	0.0024	

Survey Results for DIDO

Results for DIDO Delay Mar '18



Results for DIDO Success Jun '18



DISCUSSION

What were our 5 sites doing differently?

They targeted barriers that could be easily changed while still yielding a high return.

ED Physicians felt more comfortable activating a tele consult.

Nurses were empowered to activate BA's in triage.

They improved communication with EMS & activated crews sooner.

What were we (UUHC) doing differently?

Metric	Goal
Door to CT	15 min
Door to Call	15 min
Door to Camera	30 min
Call to Camera	10 min
Door to Bolus	60 min
DIDO	75 min



We conducted visits together with EMS to each facility.

We provided physician driven, individualized education on site.

We followed up via surveys, newsletters, and phone calls.

We tracked and recognized best DIDO times each month.

IMPROVING CLINICAL PROCESSES

Take Away Key Points

- Foster relationships
- Set explicit DIDO goal
- Standardize Brain Attack protocols
- Provide visible support
- Data Feedback and Recognition
- Stay persistent



THANK YOU!

