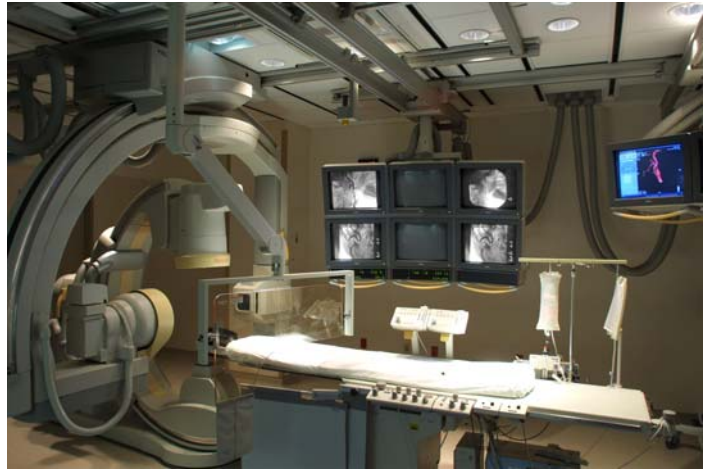


## Neurointerventional Suite

Baptist Hospital, which treats more people for stroke and transient ischemic attacks than any other healthcare facility in the state, has developed a world-class Neuroscience Center. The center features a dedicated 35-bed patient care unit and specially trained nurses, neurologists and neurosurgeons to meet the needs of neurological patients. To support these leading programs, a neurointerventional angiography suite has been built to treat stroke and other neurological conditions.



Neurointerventional procedures help physicians treat acute stroke more aggressively with catheter directed therapy into the brain, as well as prevent stroke with angioplasty and stent procedures similar to those used in the heart. These procedures are also used to treat intracranial aneurysms and hemorrhages, as well as head, neck and intracranial tumors.

The cost for developing the neurointerventional suite was \$3 million, which includes equipment such as biplane neuroangiography and patient-monitoring computers. Naming opportunities are available in connection with this suite.

If you would like more information on the naming opportunities available, or how to make a donation, please call Stephen J. Parsons, CFRE, at the Foundation office at **786-596-6535**, or send an e-mail to [giving@baptisthealth.net](mailto:giving@baptisthealth.net).

- Stroke is our nation's third-leading cause of death.
- Stroke is a leading cause of severe, long-term disability.
- One out of every 14 deaths in the United States is due to stroke.
- On average, every 45 seconds someone in America has a stroke and every 3.1 minutes someone dies of a stroke.
- About 700,000 Americans will have a stroke this year.
- More than 1.1 million American adults have difficulty with functional limitations and activities of daily living resulting from stroke.
- Between 15 and 30 percent of stroke survivors are permanently disabled, and 20 percent require institutional care three months after the stroke.
- Stroke is an "equal opportunity" disease, affecting people of all ages, races and genders. Although 75 percent of those afflicted by a stroke are over age 65, it also affects individuals in their 30s, 40s and 50s.
- The risk of stroke for men is slightly higher than for women (until women reach menopause, when the risk becomes similar).
- Stroke risk is greater for people who have a family history of stroke.
- There are two basic types of stroke. An ischemic stroke is the most common type, accounting for more than two-thirds of all strokes. It occurs when a blood clot forms and blocks blood flow to the brain. A hemorrhagic stroke results when an artery in the brain ruptures, filling the area with blood and damaging surrounding tissue.
- Following an ischemic stroke, thrombolytics (a type of drug used to treat stroke) must be administered within three hours to be effective. In addition, other procedures using a catheter in vessels in the brain may be effective up to six hours after a stroke.