

Descriptive Transcript: Advancing Stroke Care On The East End: SBELIH Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony For Primary Stroke Center

[Opening shot: Exterior views of Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital. Banners displayed on the building identify it as a Primary Stroke Center.]

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[Cut to: Former patient Juan Ibanez speaking from a podium inside a large event tent before an audience.]

[Intercut with: Physicians caring for patients and scenes inside hospital rooms.]

Juan Ibanez: On January 15, 2026, I suffered a stroke.

Juan Ibanez: From the moment I entered the hospital, I was welcomed with warm smiles and genuine care for my well-being.

Juan Ibanez: Their professionalism and urgency made one of the scariest moments of my life feel manageable, and for that I will always be grateful.

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[Cut to: The hospital lawn. Physicians, hospital administrators, and a Mobile Stroke Center ambulance stand outside as guests arrive and gather before the ceremony.]

[Cut to: Paul J. Connor III speaking from a podium inside the event tent.]

[Audience applauds.]

[Intercut with: Paul J. Connor III unveiling a plaque recognizing the hospital's Primary Stroke Center designation as members of the hospital team look on.]

Paul J. Connor III: I'm very pleased to have you all here celebrating our Primary Stroke Center and our ribbon cutting.

Paul J. Connor III: Time is brain. That is the mantra for stroke centers.

[Cut to: William Wertheim speaking from the podium.]

[Intercut with: The Primary Stroke Center certification. Exterior and interior views of the Mobile Stroke Center ambulance. Hospital staff gathered for a group photograph outside the hospital.]

William Wertheim: Achieving Primary Stroke Center designation requires tremendous dedication, persistence, and collaboration.

William Wertheim: The Primary Stroke Center is another example of our commitment to bringing advanced specialty care to underserved and remote communities.

William Wertheim: With our Mobile Stroke Units able to diagnose and begin treatment of stroke long before the ambulance arrives at a hospital, Stony Brook Medicine shows that it is there where and when our communities and our patients need it.

[Cut to: Edward J. Boyd speaking from the podium.]

[Intercut with: Members of the audience listening attentively.]

Edward J. Boyd: The establishment of Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center means that we now have an additional weapon in our arsenal to defend against the damage caused by stroke.

[Cut to: Paul J. Connor III speaking from the podium.]

Paul J. Connor III: We will be getting better outcomes and absolutely saving lives.

[Cut to: Greg Doroski speaking from the podium.]

Greg Doroski: So having this here in the community is vital because seconds matter, and having this resource in our community benefits us all.

[Cut to: Anne Smith speaking from the podium.]

[Intercut with: Ceremony participants gathering on the lawn while holding a large red ribbon.]

Anne Smith: This is a significant milestone and one that without the partnerships and the spirit of community would not be possible.

[Cut to: William Wertheim speaking from the podium.]

[Intercut with: William Wertheim and Paul J. Connor III cutting the ceremonial ribbon as the audience applauds.]

William Wertheim: Health care clearly is strongest when communities come together with a shared purpose.

William Wertheim: So today is a celebration of progress, of partnership, and of possibility.

[Cut to: Z. Micah Kaplan speaking from the podium.]

[Intercut with: The Mobile Stroke Center ambulance and audience members applauding.]

Z. Micah Kaplan: I want to congratulate every person on this North Fork.

Z. Micah Kaplan: I want to congratulate all the EMTs.

Z. Micah Kaplan: You deserve a real big round of appreciation from all of us.

[Cut to: Paul J. Connor III speaking from the podium.]

Paul J. Connor III: We have our Krystal Clear Award.

[Cut to: Susan Apicello speaking from the podium.]

Susan Apicello: The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate clinical awareness, critical thinking, and decisive action during time-sensitive situations.

Susan Apicello: Today I am honored to present this award to Nancy Williams, the Director of Physical Therapy here at Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital.

[Cut to: Nancy Williams approaching the podium.]

[She receives a crystal award as the audience applauds.]

Nancy Williams: Allowing me to do my job and being with this strong team that puts the patient first and cares about this community is a privilege to me.

Nancy Williams: Thank you.

[Cut to: Paul J. Connor III speaking from the podium.]

Paul J. Connor III: Thank you all once again for coming and remember, BE FAST. Thank you.

[Cut to: Hospital staff gathered outside.]

Everyone: BE FAST!

[The camera pulls away from the crowd.]

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[Animated Stony Brook Medicine logo.]

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