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PRESBYTERIAN NEUROSCIENCE EXPANDS CARE FOR NEW MEXICANS

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Healthcare Services

Presbyterian has expended \$15 million since 2022 to provide high-quality, patient-centered neuroscience care in New Mexico and reduce the need for patients to leave the state. An additional \$4.5 million from Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation (PHF) has accelerated these transformative initiatives.

Organizational and philanthropic support has funded new technology and equipment for neurosurgery, teleneurology capabilities for expanded care statewide, nonsurgical care in areas including low back pain and pain/spine, and advanced training for nurses, EEG technicians and other staff.

Continued investment is enhancing early diagnosis, improving patient outcomes, and bringing life-changing treatments for strokes, aneurysms, intercranial bleeding, low back and spinal pain.

- Since 2021, **neurosurgery patient volumes and stroke consultations have doubled**, while neurology, and pain and spine clinic volumes have increased by 50%.
- By late summer 2025, Presbyterian will have **six neurosurgeons**, an inpatient stroke neurology specialist, and three full-time pain specialists.
- The stroke program remains a cornerstone of Presbyterian Neuroscience. Presbyterian Hospital is a **certified Primary Stroke Center**.

The Role of Philanthropy

Presbyterian Neuroscience expansion began with the establishment of the \$2 million Julia Bowdich and John Carey Chair of Neuroscience endowment. Since then, PHF has committed nearly \$1 million for priority equipment and training needs such as Stealth surgical navigation, the O-Arm surgical platform, and advanced training for staff.

More recent fundraising has focused on raising \$1.5 million for a new **hybrid operating room** at Presbyterian Hospital, which will feature advanced capabilities including the new Phillips biplane system, allowing surgeons to navigate catheters into the brain to treat strokes and tumors.

Presbyterian's Vision for Neuroscience

Presbyterian aims to be a leading provider of Neuroscience care in New Mexico, eliminating the need for patients to travel out of state for this important specialty care. We are committed to advancing brain and nervous system health through innovation and patient-centered excellence. Philanthropic partnerships make it possible for us to accelerate the expansion of state-of-the-art treatments, pioneer new technologies, and invest in the next generation of neuroscience leaders and caregivers.

"Additional investments in more specialists, new technology and expanded services such as neuro-intensive care, spine robotics and advanced MRI imaging will further enhance access and quality of care for the most acute patients with neurologic conditions."

– Barbara Ohm, Vice President,
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