

Building a Neuro ICU at Presbyterian Hospital

Presbyterian is building a neuro intensive care unit (ICU) at Presbyterian Hospital as part of a comprehensive neuroscience program that will provide a full range of advanced care for patients recovering from stroke, aneurysms and other conditions.

We are committed to advancing brain and nervous system health through innovation and patient-centered care. This program will reduce – or even eliminate – the need for patients to travel out of state for critical specialty care for patients with:

- **Stroke**
- **Aneurysm**
- **Neurosurgical needs including injuries and cancer**
- **Epilepsy**

- **Back and spine pain**
- **Headache**
- **Dementia**
- **Sleep disorder**



Neuro ICU Overview

All neuroscience care, including the neuro ICU, will be located on the same floor of the hospital to improve patient experience, speed response time and support collaboration among our neuroscience specialists. Opening in late 2026, the ICU will feature:

- An entire unit dedicated to caring for neuro ICU patients
- Eight ICU rooms designed for neuro patients and large enough to accommodate state-of-the-art ICU equipment
- Specially trained staff focused on best practices for neuro patients
- Specialized equipment including technologies for rapid stroke intervention and surgical imaging technology
- Critical care for high acuity neurosurgery patients post-surgery using the new hybrid operating room and robot

Creating a continuum of care

The neuroscience program will provide a full range of care, combining general, progressive, critical and ICU services in one place. Building this program:

- Increases access to a range of treatments that will let patients stay in state for care
- Creates a destination for neurological care in the Southwest
- Supports recruitment of neurological specialists to New Mexico
- Expands more neuro telemedicine treatments to rural areas

"Being from New Mexico and with family who lives here, I'm excited and proud of the growth of our neuroscience program. I love that patients can stay in state for our cutting-edge treatments and care that extends from in-hospital, intensive care to comprehensive long-term care. Best of all, we extend these Albuquerque-based services throughout the state via our telemedicine network."

Dr. Denise A. Gonzales
Medical Director, Adult Medical Specialty
Presbyterian Healthcare Services



Presbyterian's comprehensive neuroscience program features:

- A full range of neuroscience services on the same floor
- 8 specially designed ICU rooms with state-of-the-art equipment
- Specially trained staff focused on best practices for neuro patients
- Telemedicine capabilities

Building the \$4.5 million neuro ICU is supported by organizational investment and philanthropy.

In the past three years, **PHS and the Foundation have invested more than \$20M in Presbyterian Neuroscience**, contributing to a doubling of neurosurgery volumes, the recruitment of four neurosurgeons (bringing the total to six), equipment and resources including a hybrid operating room and surgical robot and advanced training for staff.