

KershawHealth

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KershawHealth Medical Center Recognized by MUSC Health for Exceptional Care of Stroke Patients

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) has recognized KershawHealth Medical Center as a member of the 2016 Under 50 Minute tPA Club. This distinction honors the dedication and commitment of the hospital's team (particularly in the Emergency Department) for the exceptional care of stroke patients. KershawHealth Medical Center is a Telestroke partner site with MUSC Health.

Dr. Christine Holmstedt, D.O., who serves as MUSC's Medical Director of Telestroke and the Comprehensive Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center said, "This is the second year that MUSC Health has had the privilege to give out awards to our Telestroke partner sites. The award KershawHealth received is in recognition for their fastest Door-To-Needle time for the care of an acute stroke patient in the 2016 calendar year. Alteplase, the only medication approved in the care of acute stroke patients, is a time sensitive medication. We work with our partner sites to provide treatment to eligible patients within the time windows approved by the FDA and the AHA/ASA. The gold standard for care with Alteplase is for eligible patients to receive the medication within 60 minutes of presenting to the hospital. This year, KershawHealth was given the Under 50 Minute Award. We are very excited to recognize them in this achievement."

About KershawHealth

KershawHealth's Medical Center in Camden is a comprehensive acute care facility encompassing 121 acute care beds. Emergency room and outpatient services are also provided at the Medical Center. Committed to serving the healthcare needs of Kershaw County, there are locations in Camden, Elgin (Urgent Care Center), Lugoff, Kershaw and Bethune. For more information, visit www.kershawhealth.org.

About MUSC Health

Founded in 1824 in Charleston, The Medical University of South Carolina is the oldest medical school in the South. Today, MUSC continues the tradition of excellence in education, research, and patient care. MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and residents, and has nearly 13,000 employees, including approximately 1,500 faculty members. As the largest non-federal employer in Charleston, the university and its affiliates have collective annual budgets in excess of \$2.2 billion. MUSC operates a 750-bed medical center, which includes a nationally recognized Children's Hospital, the Ashley River Tower (cardiovascular, digestive disease, and surgical oncology), Hollings Cancer Center (one of 66 National Cancer Institute designated centers), a Level I Trauma Center and the Institute of Psychiatry. For more information on academic programs or clinical services, visit www.musc.edu. For more information on hospital patient services, visit the website at muschealth.org.

