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Watch for Weekly Updates!

June

**2 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking - PAM Health
Rehabilitation Hospital of Hampden, 4675 Mt. Zion Dr,
Enola. 4:00 pm**

18 - Jubilee Day - Downtown Mechanicsburg

**25 - Business Leaders Discussion Group -
Sponsored by PaySmart Payroll Services, 650 Wilson
Ln, Ste. 100, Mechanicsburg. 7:45 - 9:00 am.
Members only event.**

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Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, June 25

7:45 - 9:00 am

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PaySmart Payroll Services
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Mechanicsburg**



RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811.
This members-only event is free to attend!

Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!

You're Invited...



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce
as we welcome a new member with a Ribbon Cutting.

Help us welcome Mechanicsburg's newest healthcare offering. Check
out the company's first inpatient rehabilitation hospital in the state.

Tuesday, June 2nd

PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Hampden

4675 Mt. Zion Drive

Enola 17025

Ribbon Cutting at – 4:00 pm



Save the Date

On June 18, Jubilee Day returns to the streets of downtown Mechanicsburg. This year marks the 96th Annual edition! Don't miss your chance to be exposed to nearly 70,000 attendees from across the midstate.

Booth space is available at a discounted rate for Chamber members. Contact the chamber for an application. 717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

It takes a small army, yet dedicated team, to make this important community event happen. If you are interested in helping for a few hours (or all day), please contact the Chamber office.



Penalties for Using Handheld Devices Take Effect June 6

A Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving has been in effect since last June, with violators being issued warnings. Starting June 6, violators will instead face fines.

Paul Miller's Law limits the use of handheld cellphones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The law is named for a young man who was killed in a crash involving a distracted tractor-trailer driver in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in 2010.

Under the law, driving while holding a mobile device is a primary violation, meaning police can pull over drivers solely for the violation. Effective June 6, violators will be issued a summary offense, which carries a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. If a driver is convicted of homicide by vehicle and driving while distracted, they may be sentenced up to an additional five years in prison.

Drivers can still use their phones if using hands-free technology, such as a docking station, Blue-tooth or speaker technology. You may also use your phone to contact emergency responders.

According to PennDOT, more than 11,000 crashes were the result of distracted driving, leading to 65 deaths and 6,700 injuries in 2023. Pennsylvania joins 28 other states with hands-free laws.

[Read more here.](#)

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about mental health and continuing the fight against the stigma people face when seeking help.

In Pennsylvania, mental health services are administered through county Mental Health and Developmental Services programs. [To learn more about mental health care in Pennsylvania, click here.](#)

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, [contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling or texting 988.](#)



Bike Safely!



May is National Bicycle Safety Month. The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code considers "pedalcycles" as vehicles. That means bicyclists must follow traffic laws, such as obeying all traffic signals and riding in the same direction as traffic. If you ride in violation of the traffic laws, you greatly increase your risk of a crash and will likely be found at fault in the event of an accident.

Here are some additional safety tips for cyclists:

- Always wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet.
- Use proper hand signals when turning or stopping to communicate with drivers.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing to help drivers see you.
- Regularly maintain your bike to keep it working smoothly.
- Equip your bike with reflectors, a white headlight, and a bell or horn.
- Ride a car-door width away from parked vehicles.

Motor vehicles must allow 4 feet of distance when overtaking a bicycle and travel at a careful and prudent speed. It is the motorist's responsibility to provide the distance, not the cyclist. For more bicycle safety tips, please visit [penndot.pa.gov](https://www.penndot.pa.gov).

SENATOR **DAWN KEEFER**

Pennsylvania's 31st District
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New Satellite Office Open in Cumberland County

To increase access to state services for residents of the 31st District, I am pleased to announce the opening of a new satellite office in Cumberland County on at the [Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center](#), 2233 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill. The office will be open on the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Stop by for assistance with property tax/rent rebates, PennDOT paperwork, birth or death certificates, veteran assistance and other state-related services. My office is committed to delivering timely and accessible support closer to home.



Save for Education and the Opportunity to Win \$5,529

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity announced the fifth annual 529 Day Promotion is running throughout May. Pennsylvania families who contribute at least \$10 to their PA 529 account this month could be eligible to win one of six regional awards of \$5,529 to boost their education savings.

The PA 529 College and Career Savings Program is a tax-advantaged way for families to save for a wide variety of education, including technical training, college, apprenticeship, credential program and K-12 expenses. Saving with a PA 529 does not impact eligibility for Pennsylvania state financial aid.

The PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan helps families save at today's tuition rates to cover tomorrow's tuition expenses and the PA 529 Investment Plan offers a wide variety of investment options to choose from. [Find official rules and learn more about how to make an eligible contribution here.](#)

Free Motorcycle Safety Training Available

Pennsylvania riders can take advantage of [free motorcycle safety training through the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program \(PAMSP\)](#). The program offers courses for beginner, intermediate and experienced riders at training sites across the commonwealth. Classes operating under PAMSP are free to Pennsylvania Class M permit and motorcycle license holders, providing riders with an opportunity to strengthen their skills and improve roadway safety.



Successful completion of a PAMSP basic or intermediate course waives the requirement to take a motorcycle skills test at a PennDOT Driver License Center and automatically earns permit holders their motorcycle license.



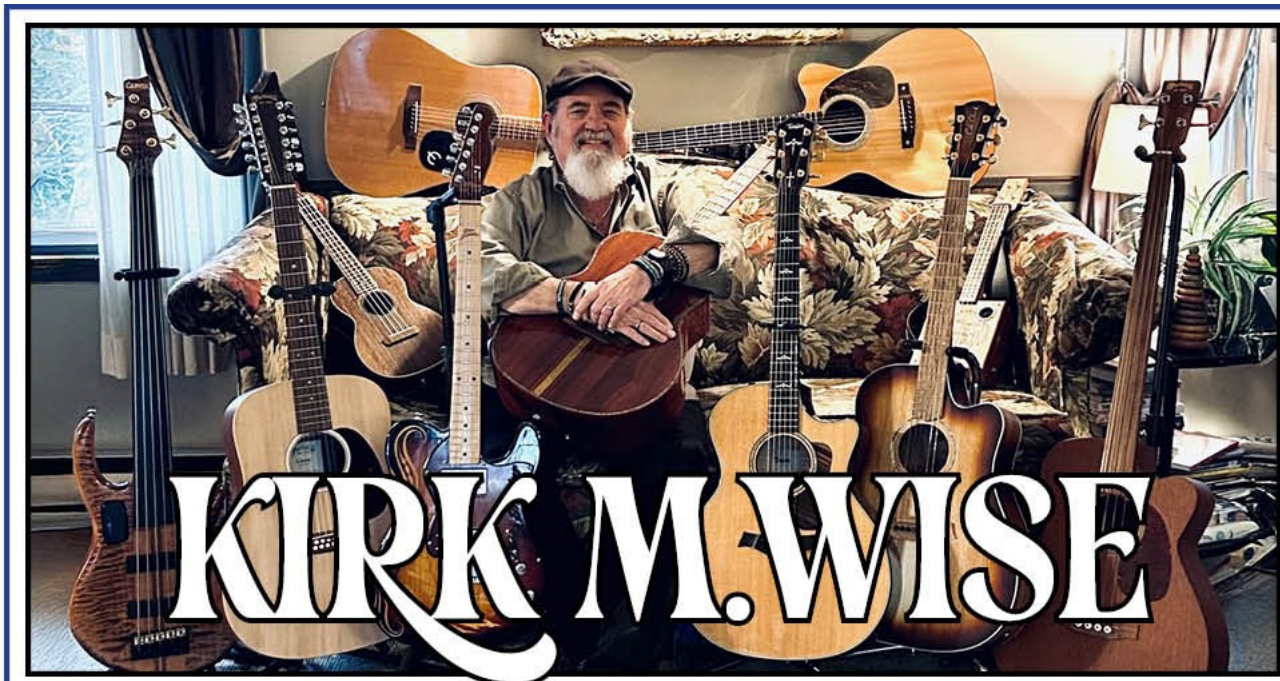
New Medical and Health Professional Loans Support Graduate Students

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency has launched a new Medical and Health Professional Loan Program to support graduate students in medical, dental, veterinarian and health professional studies.

The program features deferred repayment during residency, fellowship, internship, research and other clinical training, and the potential for reduced reliance on co-signers. This initiative helps fill critical, specialized positions to serve citizens across the commonwealth.

Medical students can apply here. Other health-related students can apply here.

Students pursuing advanced degrees in other areas of study can apply here.



Fri. 5/29 - Gettysburg Farm Camp Ground, Dover...Kirk & Bryce Duo 6-9
Sat. 5/30 - Mt. Airy Orchards Strawberry Fest, Dillsburg ... Kirk & Band 9:30-12:30
Sat. 5/30 - Royal Wine, Harrisburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9
Sun. 5/31 - Bourbon Mill Restaurant & Pub, New Oxford...Kirk & Band 1-4
Tues. 6/2 - Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9
Fri. 6/5 - Railroad Rhythms, Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 5-6:30

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Chamber Chatter advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

****Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.****

Teacher Appreciation

at Mechanicsburg



Earn a Digital Costco Shopcard and a FREE pizza with every new teacher sign-up in the month of May, and enter to win a pizza party for your class!

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Digital Costco Shop Card* with an Executive Membership sign-up

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*To receive a Digital Costco Shop Card, you must provide a valid teacher ID, email address, and set up auto renewal of your Costco membership on a Visa® card at the time of sign-up. If you elect not to provide a valid email address and sign up for auto renewal, a Digital Costco Shop Card will not be emailed. Valid only for nonmembers for their first year of membership. Limit one per household. Nontransferable and may not be combined with any other promotion. You must bring this flier to the Mechanicsburg Costco location to join in person with a Costco representative.

New members will receive their Digital Costco Shop Card by email within 2 weeks of sign-up. Costco Shop Cards are not redeemable for cash, except as required by law. A Costco membership is \$65 a year; an Executive Membership is an additional \$65 upgrade fee a year. Each membership includes one free Household Card. May be subject to sales tax. Costco accepts all Visa cards, as well as cash, checks, debit/ATM cards, EBT and Costco Shop Cards. Departments and product selection may vary. Shop Cards are valid at any U.S. Costco location. Employees of Costco are excluded.

Thank you, Teachers!

Pizza Party!

We appreciate you!

Your friends over at Costco Mechanicsburg, #1719 would like to say THANK YOU to all the Teachers who are helping grow our community from the ground up! From creating core memories in the classroom, developing self-confidence and competence, intelligence, and empathy, Teachers are one of the most important pillars of our growth into adulthood!

We would like to extend an exclusive welcome promotion to ALL Teachers in the Cumberland Valley district for Teacher Appreciation Week this upcoming May! In the month of May any Teachers that come to sign up for a new membership will receive a \$20/\$40 digital shop card, a FREE pizza from our food court, and an entry to win a Costco pizza party for their classroom!*

*This promotion is exclusive to Costco Mechanicsburg only, and open to all teachers interested in joining our member base for the first time (and/or teachers who have had an expired membership for 18 months or more). Please post the attached flier, and/or distribute digitally to your location!



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Harrisburg Hoopla Returns June 6 to Support Local Nonprofits

Harrisburg Hoopla will return to City Island on Saturday, June 6, 2026, giving teams from across the region a chance to compete for a cause while supporting local nonprofits.

Hosted as a program of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, Harrisburg Hoopla is a full-day event where friends, coworkers and neighbors form teams to take on physical challenges and puzzle games. Each team selects a local nonprofit to represent and competes to win money that will be donated to that organization.

The event offers participants a fun way to give back while providing nonprofits with a unique opportunity to engage supporters, build visibility and raise funds for their mission. Proceeds from Harrisburg Hoopla also help support the Emerging Philanthropists Program at TFEC.

In 2025, Harrisburg Hoopla welcomed more than 100 participants across 12 spirited teams. The event generated more than \$11,000 in sponsorship support and has raised more than \$70,000 overall.

Top finishers in 2025 included Dogs & Dolls, which competed for Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Enterprise Mobility, which competed for Junior Achievement of South Central PA, and The Nice Guys, which competed for American Cancer Society.

Team registration is now open. Nonprofits are encouraged to invite supporters, staff members and volunteers to form a team and compete on behalf of their organization.

To learn more about Harrisburg Hoopla, visit www.tfec.org/hbghoopla.



GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be installation of officers for the 2026-2028 term. There will be a pot luck supper, so please bring a dish to share and your place setting.

Would you like to know more about how we serve the community while helping Veterans, libraries and schools? Come for a visit to find out.

For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 visit our website at <http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>



You're invited! Join us for a free VBS event, inviting children (independent three year olds through Fifth Graders) called "This Zoo is Not For You". It will be at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8 East Keller Street, Mechanicsburg, on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Join us as we follow a platypus on his journey with a story, snacks, music, crafts and games.

While this event is free, please consider donating individually packaged snacks for our partners at the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission Horse and Pony Camp.

Please help us by registering by June 6 at www.stlukesmech.org.
Email questions to kidmin.stlukesmech@gmail.com.

Labor Department rescinds overtime pay change

Andy Medici, *Pittsburgh Business Times*
May 20, 2026

The Department of Labor officially withdrew a Biden-era overtime rule that had raised the threshold under which some workers received overtime pay. The original rule, which had been barred from taking effect by several ongoing lawsuits, would have raised the annual salary threshold under which non-exempt workers are eligible for overtime pay from \$35,568 to \$43,888 — and then eventually to \$58,656. The salary threshold then would have updated every three years based on wage data. Over the first two updates, more than 3 million workers would have become newly eligible for overtime pay, the agency said at the time. Employers had argued the rule would significantly increase costs and create staffing issues for businesses, which are already grappling with higher labor costs in the wake of the pandemic. Several business groups filed lawsuits opposing the higher thresholds. The fresh guidance from the Labor Department rescinds the 2024 rule and instead restores a department rule issued in President Trump's first term in 2019 that keeps the salary threshold at \$35,568.

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Wednesday, June 24, 2026

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Are rising employee health insurance costs limiting your options?

We will be hosting a webinar to learn how ICHRA (Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement) can offer your business a flexible, budget friendly alternative. This webinar will explain how the ICHRA works and why it is gaining so much traction, what kind of business benefits most by offering this type of plan and steps to understanding implementation and how easy it is to provide your employees the opportunity to choose a plan that is best for them and their specific needs.

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You can participate by
SPONSORING A TREE - \$250
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- Includes a holiday tree (approx. 6 ft. with white lights) or wreath that you get to decorate! You can showcase your brand or promote the work that you do in the community!
- Community exposure through a social media campaign and in-house guests!
- Special community event in December to highlight sponsors!

Engage your team by decorating together!
Tree & wreath decorating will be held on
November 24, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Contact Penn Harris Hotel Sales Office to reserve your sponsorship today!
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Parade of Trees sponsor a local non-profit!

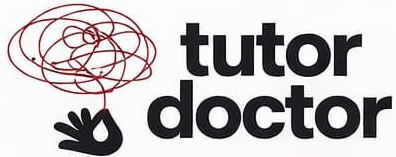
Are you a business that wants to give back to your local community? You can TRIPLE the impact of your donation by sponsoring your favorite non-profit!

How it works:

- Sponsor a tree/wreath on behalf of your favorite local non-profit.
- The non-profit you choose gets to decorate a tree to highlight their work & increase community exposure.
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Join Cumberland County in Celebrating America250!

This year, Cumberland County proudly kicked off its 275th anniversary, and we're already gearing up for another milestone—the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026! To ensure a memorable celebration, Cumberland County has formed an America250PA Committee with representatives from various organizations, including local historical societies, chambers of commerce, non-profits, school districts, higher education institutions, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, and Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation.

We invite your business to join the excitement and contribute to making America250 truly special in Cumberland County! Here are the ways you can assist.

- Explore and share the microsite VisitCumberlandValley.com/America-250.
- Plan an America250PA-themed event and submit it for free to our online calendar.
- Take an active role and join one of our sub-committees:
 - Programming & Events
 - Marketing & PR
 - Education
- Consider sponsoring an America250PA-themed event.

If you'd like to participate or learn more, please contact Stacy Snyder at smsnyder@cumberlandcountypa.gov.

UPMC

LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

UPMC Expands Women's Behavioral Health Services in Camp Hill

UPMC Women's Behavioral Health Specialists has relocated its Camp Hill office to a new location earlier this year, expanding mental health services to patients in the region. The practice is now located at 100 Corporate Drive, Suite 202, Camp Hill.

"Our goal is to remove barriers by offering a range of care options for patients to connect with support in a way that works for them," said David Silver, M.D., reproductive psychiatrist, UPMC Magee-Womens in Central Pa. "We want women to understand that what they're experiencing is real and it deserves attention and care. By relocating to this new, modern space, UPMC is creating an environment that is not only accessible, but also welcoming, supportive and designed with patients in mind."

The new office, three times larger than the previous space, includes 15 therapy rooms, a larger conference room, a smaller collaboration and group therapy room and a procedure room to support future services.

Providers at the new location will include:

- David F. Silver, MD
- Emma Franczak, MA
- Virginia Leary Getz, LPC, NCC
- Cynthia Leard Longenecker, LCSW
- Rachel Mailey, LPC, NCC
- Amber Moore, CRNP, PMHNP-BC
- Kristie Postorino, LCSW

Women's behavioral health conditions are common, treatable medical conditions and women are encouraged to seek care. Efforts to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and improve access to services are critical to supporting new parents and promoting healthy family dynamics.

"When we talk openly about these conditions and make care easier to access, we help women take an important step toward healing and strengthening their families," added Dr. Silver.



Pictured from left at the key presentation event are Michelle Loomis, director of development, UPMC Pinnacle Foundation; Amanda Curry, executive administration, UPMC Magee-Womens & UPMC Western Psychological Associates in Central Pa.; David Silver, M.D., reproductive psychiatrist, UPMC Magee-Womens in Central Pa.; Allison Trowell, chief operating officer, UPMC Central Pa.; and Melinda Kauffman, director of operations, UPMC Magee-Womens & UPMC Western Psychological Associates in Central Pa.

UPMC Magee-Womens is a National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. As a nationally

renowned hospital specializing in women, UPMC Magee-Womens combines a wealth of specialty services with a traditional focus on gynecologic and obstetric services. All appointments have been automatically transferred to the new location, and there will be no interruption in care. For more information about UPMC Magee-Womens services in central Pennsylvania, visit UPMC.com/CentralPaWomen.

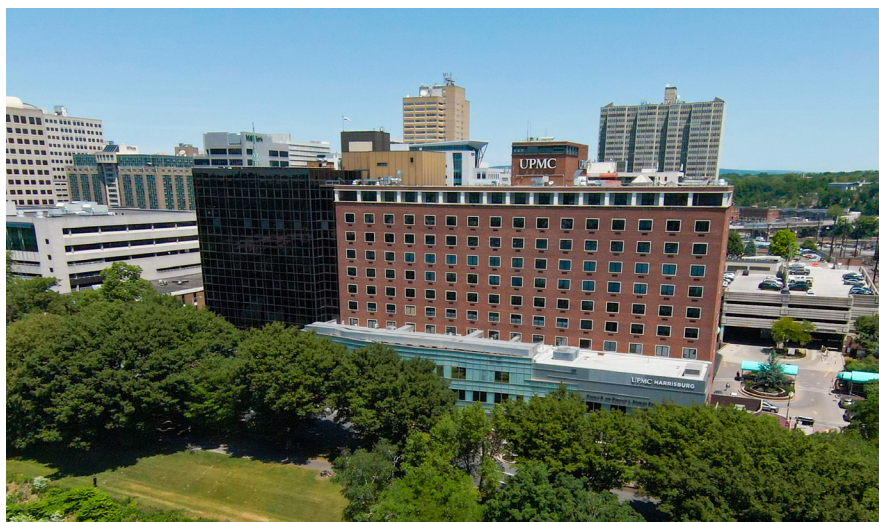
UPMC Harrisburg Achieves Highest Level of Stroke Care Certification

UPMC has been recognized for its ability to receive and treat central Pennsylvania's most complex stroke cases. The Joint Commission and American Stroke Association named UPMC Harrisburg a Comprehensive Stroke Center, their highest level of stroke care certification.

The new designation reflects an upward progression in UPMC Harrisburg's clinical capabilities and quality measures for advanced stroke care, including care offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with onsite access to a variety of neurosurgical and vascular procedures, such as the groundbreaking mechanical thrombectomy and aneurysm clipping.

"Time is of the essence when responding to a stroke," said Dr. Bart Thaci, director of neuro-endovascular care, UPMC Neurological Institute, UPMC Harrisburg. "Comprehensive Stroke Center designation is evidence that our patients have timely and quality access to a variety of lifesaving of neurosurgical and neuroendovascular procedures."

In stroke care, "time is brain," which means getting treatment quickly can reverse or mitigate



possible damage and could save a patient's life. UPMC Carlisle, UPMC Community Osteopathic, UPMC Hanover, UPMC Lititz, UPMC Memorial, and UPMC West Shore are all designated as primary stroke centers and work with Stat MedE-vac, UPMC Community Life Team, and other local emergency medical services (EMS) agencies to diagnose and treat strokes, and if necessary, quickly transfer them to UPMC Harrisburg for life-saving endovascular or neurosurgical procedures.

UPMC Harrisburg achieved Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center certification in 2024. And to date, UPMC doctors have performed more than 375 thrombectomy procedures. UPMC continues to develop a robust stroke program in central Pennsylvania, utilizing state-of-the-art technologies like artificial intelligence programs and tele-neurosurgical consults to identify patients who could benefit from procedures available at UPMC Harrisburg, UPMC's hub for advanced stroke care in central Pennsylvania.

"Stroke care is a team effort and our recognition as a Comprehensive Stroke Center shows that our UPMC employees are committed to limiting the devastating impacts of strokes for our patients," said Elizabeth Ritter, president, UPMC Harrisburg, UPMC Community Osteopathic, and UPMC West Shore. "Years of hard work and careful collaboration between our neurology, neurosurgery, emergency medicine and critical care teams; UPMC Community Life Team and local EMS providers;

and Stat MedEvac partners, makes this achievement possible so we can show up for our community when the worst happens.”

UPMC’s commitment to stroke care doesn’t end when patients are discharged from the hospital. Through their stroke clinics in Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg and Lancaster, patients have access to the care and education they need to recover from and prevent future strokes. Nurse navigators work individually with stroke survivors to ensure they are getting follow-up care, treatments, and referrals to other medical specialists who can help them adjust to life after a stroke and prevent future strokes from happening.

“I’m proud of our care teams and their commitment to our patients and the community,” said Kimberly Rinehart, executive administrator, UPMC Neurological Institute. “UPMC staff and community partners across our region work every day to respond to, treat, and help patients recover from strokes, and we thank them for their efforts.”

[Learn more about stroke care at UPMC.](#)