

# Nationally Recognized Leader in Stroke Medicine

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

**Y**ou're a woman who takes care of herself. You never miss an annual exam, your mammography screenings are up-to-date and you stay current with all the latest medical news. But did you know that stroke kills more women every year than all forms of cancer combined? It's true. Stroke is the third leading cause of death for U.S. women and the number one cause of disability. Shouldn't you know how to protect yourself?

"Strokes and stroke symptoms are widely underappreciated, but stroke is very prominent in women," notes neurologist and Bronson Adult Neurology and Stroke Services Medical Director Dean Kindler, M.D. "Patients tend to ignore their stroke symptoms, especially if they seem minor or only last a short time. Receiving immediate care is vital for optimal outcomes, however, and the sooner treatment can be administered, the better chance we have to mitigate or reverse brain damage."

A Primary Stroke Center certified by the Joint Commission and member of the National Stroke Association, Bronson Methodist Hospital is the only hospital in southwest Michigan to have garnered the prestigious Stroke Care Excellence Award from HealthGrades® in 2007. The hospital's leading-edge Neurosciences Programs offers patients a comprehensive array of sophisticated treatments and technologies for all neurological conditions as well as a neurointerventional radiologist and southwest Michigan's only neurointensivist, pediatric neurologists and neurosurgeons, and board-certified vascular neurologist.



Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich. (photo courtesy Esto Photographics)

"By providing our patients with an integrated, multidisciplinary team of experts, we are able to develop individualized treatment plans that maximize recovery," says Dr. Kindler. "From the moment a stroke victim arrives, our

Approximately 700,000 people will suffer a stroke this year — and 28 percent of them will be under the age of 65. If you experience any of the warning signs below, or if you notice them in a loved one, call 911 immediately. The sooner you receive care, the better chance you have for survival!

- ▶ Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- ▶ Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye
- ▶ Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech
- ▶ Sudden, severe headache with no known cause
- ▶ Unexplained dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, especially along with the other symptoms



The Bronson Neurosciences program includes a team of highly trained specialists—some so specialized no one else in southwest Michigan can do what they do, helping to make Bronson the most preferred hospital in Kalamazoo County for stroke care.

complete team is ready to administer life-saving treatments, from state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging and acute care through endovascular surgery and long-term rehabilitation."



Dean Kindler, M.D. Bronson Medical Director, Adult Neurology and Stroke Services. Board certified in Neurology and Vascular Neurology

With the latest clot-busting drugs, intracranial stenting, intra-arterial thrombolysis, FDA-approved mechanical clot removal, access to national clinical trials and other advanced treatments, Dr. Kindler and his colleagues are

equipped to address even the most complex neurological conditions. "Our number one priority is to not only restore each patient's function, but to protect their quality of life," says Dr. Kindler. "That's why we're so dedicated to excellence in stroke care."

For more information about Bronson's Neurosciences Program, or to request a consultation, please call (269) 341-7500, or visit [www.bronsonhealth.com](http://www.bronsonhealth.com).



Bronson's Primary Stroke Center has earned accreditation from the Joint Commission.

