



## Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

March 13, 2019

Timothy J. Finan  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Olean General Hospital  
515 Main Street  
Olean, New York 14760

**Re: Stroke Center Designation**

Dear Mr. Finan:

I am pleased to inform you that Olean General Hospital has met the criteria for designation as a New York State Stroke Center.

The on-site visit on January 17, 2019 validated that the hospital is fully prepared to operate as a Stroke Center. Your application was approved by the Public Health and Health Planning Council on February 14, 2019. I expect that you will notify the New York State Department of Health (Department) of any issues regarding your ability to handle the increased flow of stroke patients brought to your institution.

The Department will notify its Emergency Medical Service (EMS) partners, the State Regional EMS Council, and the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee of your approval. Hospitals that are designated as Stroke Centers are advised to notify their local EMS services, and system, so patients can be appropriately transported during an emergency situation. Please copy the Department on your correspondence to the EMS Services on this matter.

Congratulations on the achievement of being designated as a Stroke Center as part of the statewide initiative. I look forward to working with you as we continue to improve the quality of care for stroke patients and to implement best practice standards in New York State. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Marcus Friedrich, Chief Medical Officer, Office of Quality and Patient Safety, at (518) 486-6865.

Sincerely,

Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.  
Commissioner of Health

cc: Ms. Sally Dreslin, Executive Deputy Commissioner  
Dr. Marcus Friedrich, Chief Medical Officer, Office of Quality and Patient Safety  
Dr. Gregory Young, Associate Commissioner, Western Region  
Mr. Ryan Greenberg, Director, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
Mr. Dan Sheppard, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management