

Swedish provides the complete continuum of care for patients requiring neurosurgery, advanced neuro-endovascular techniques, spine surgery and acute stroke care. As a Level I Trauma Center, and a regional referral center for neurosciences, all emergent services are available round-the-clock

Swedish offers the exceptional benefit of having three interventional neuroradiologists (INR) on staff available every day and every night (24/7) year-round, working collaboratively with all acute neurological services.

Our team providing care for your patients will stay in touch with you throughout your patient's stay at Swedish so that you, the referring physician, have a complete picture of the care provided. Working together, we can provide your patients with access to the most comprehensive neurologic care in the Rocky Mountain Region.



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## NEUROTRAUMA AND NEUROSURGICAL SERVICES

Patients requiring emergent neurosurgery as a result of trauma to the head or spine will be cared for by our neurotrauma service. This multidisciplinary program is lead by a team of neurosurgeons with many years of experience. Additionally, these physicians focus on patients who require neurovascular surgery, aneurysm surgery, brain tumor resections, spine trauma surgery, Gamma Knife® surgery and epilepsy surgery.



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## ACUTE STROKE CARE

Swedish is the only three-times accredited Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center in Colorado with neurologists, interventional neuroradiologists, neurosurgeons and stroke nurse practitioners. All stroke patients receive comprehensive care from the acute stroke team. These neurologists, working in concert with interventional neuroradiologists, neurosurgeons, hospitalists and stroke nurse practitioners provide the most advanced care in this region.



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## INTERVENTIONAL NEURORADIOLOGY (INR) SERVICE

Patients receiving care at Swedish have the benefit of both traditional neurosurgery and interventional neuroradiology services. Patient treatment plans are created by an interdisciplinary team of physicians who determine whether a traditional approach or a less-invasive approach will generate the best outcome. Neuro-endovascular techniques also are used in the treatment of intracranial aneurysms (including treatment of post-hemorrhage vasospasm), arteriovenous fistulae, arterio-occlusive cerebrovascular disease (including emergent cerebral revascularization) and tumor embolotherapy.

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## NEURO-ONCOLOGY CARE

Working with our partner The Colorado Neurological Institute (CNI), we use the latest equipment and techniques to diagnose and aggressively treat these complex tumors. Using an approach that includes neurosurgery, combined with chemotherapy, radiation therapy, stereotactic radiosurgery (Gamma Knife) and biological therapy, we have had very encouraging results over the past five years. For more information about the Brain and Spine Tumor Program, call 303-806-7420.

## OTHER ACUTE NEUROSCIENCE SERVICES

Other important members of the acute neuroscience team include neuropsychologists, neuroradiologists, certified neuro critical care nurses and neuro rehabilitation specialists. Neuropsychologists specialize in the cognitive and behavioral evaluations of patients with neurological diseases. Additionally, neuropsychologists see and consult on our neurotrauma and traumatic brain injury patients.

## CNI (COLORADO NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE)

At CNI, neurosurgeons, neurologists and rehabilitation specialists from Swedish Medical Center, Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital and Craig Hospital work together to share their commitment to excellence in caring for neurological diseases and disorders. This nonprofit organization is devoted to providing high-level, comprehensive, coordinated care, in a patient-friendly environment, from diagnosis and treatment to rehabilitation and recovery. Today, more than 60 neuroscientists are members of CNI, making it the largest and most comprehensive neuroscience center in the Rocky Mountain Region.