

The time required for a patient to reach the neuro-interventional radiology (IR) suite for mechanical thrombectomy.

Ren et al. demonstrated national marked and sustainable improvement in adherence to door-to-needle time, door-to-puncture time, and successful reperfusion therapy from 2013 to 2017 in Japan in acute ischemic stroke thrombolysis. Adhering to the key Quality Indicators substantially affected in-hospital outcomes, underlining the importance of monitoring the quality of care using evidence-based Quality Indicators and the nationwide Close The Gap-Stroke program ¹⁾.

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