

Merci

Inserted through the catheter, a tiny corkscrew-shaped device, called the **MERCI**, allows the neuroendovascular specialists to capture the **clot** and pull it free and away from the site of the blockage. This procedure can be used up to eight hours after the onset of **stroke** symptoms.

The **Solitaire Flow Restoration device** was approved by the **FDA** in 2012 for **mechanical thrombectomy** of proximal occlusion of intracranial arteries.

The system allows faster, safer, and more efficient thrombectomy than **Merci** or Penumbra systems ¹⁾.

The results of a study suggest that a **tortuosity** in M1 may be associated with unsuccessful **recanalization** using the **Merci** retrieval system, even when adjunctive treatments are used, although this finding should be confirmed in a larger population ²⁾.

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