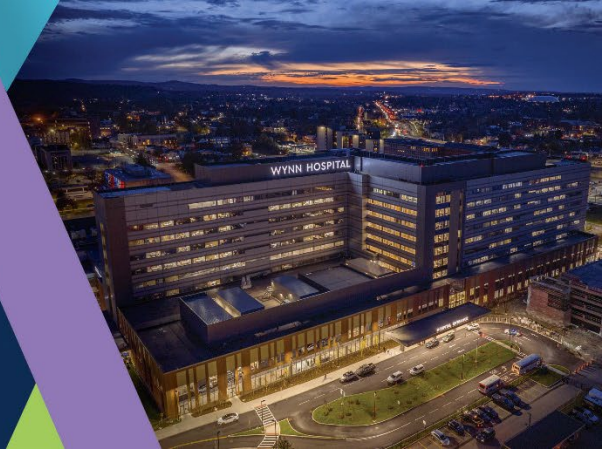
Just the Facts

MVHS & WYNN HOSPITAL

There's so much happening in healthcare in our region – at times it's hard to stay updated! That's why Just the Facts is being reinvigorated. This weekly publication, published on Tuesdays, will provide you with the latest information about MVHS and the Wynn Hospital!



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025:

Procedure Spotlight: Endovascular Embolization for Posterior Epitaxis

The MVHS Stroke and Neuro-Endovascular Program at the Wynn Hospital has received certification from DNV as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, reflecting the highest level of competence for treatment of serious stroke events. MVHS is only the seventh Comprehensive Stroke Center in Upstate New York and the only one between Syracuse and Albany.

Comprehensive Stroke Center providers Kevin Yeboah, MD, and Ketevan Berekashvili, MD, perform a specialized treatment called endovascular embolization for posterior epitaxis. It's important for our community, and other healthcare providers, to know this specialized treatment is offered here locally.

What kind of procedure is it?
Endovascular embolization for posterior epitaxis is a minimally invasive procedure where a doctor uses a catheter to access the blood vessels supplying a bleeding site in the nose and blocks them with small particles, effectively stopping the bleeding by interrupting blood flow to that area.

Who would need this procedure?
A patient would need endovascular embolization for posterior epistaxis if they are experiencing severe, recurrent nosebleeds originating from the back of the nasal cavity that cannot be controlled with conservative measures like nasal packing, and are likely caused by bleeding from a specific artery in that area; this procedure is used to effectively block the bleeding vessel by injecting a small substance (emboli) into it, essentially stopping the blood flow and resolving the epistaxis.

Which providers should refer patients for this procedure?
Ear, nose and throat (ENT) providers can refer patients to the Comprehensive Stroke Center for this procedure.

Referrals
Providers' offices can call the Stroke and Neuro-Endovascular Program at 315-624-4090 to refer patients.

About the Providers

Kevin Yeboah, MD, is a Neuro-Endovascular physician with the Comprehensive Stroke Center.

Dr. Yeboah earned his medical degree from the Medical University of the Americas in St. Kitts and Nevis. He completed his residency in Neurology at Saint Louis University School of Medicine in Missouri, where he served as Chief Resident. He completed advanced fellowships in Vascular Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine and in Neuro-Endovascular Surgery at Texas Stroke Institute in Plano, Texas.

Dr. Yeboah is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

He is accepting new patients and can be reached at 315-624-4090.

Ketevan Berekashvili, MD, is a Neuro-Endovascular physician with the Comprehensive Stroke Center. Prior to joining MVHS, Dr. Berekashvili was an Interventional and Vascular neurologist with Interventional Neuro Associates in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Berekashvili earned her Doctor of Medicine at Tbilisi National Institute in Tbilisi, Georgia. She obtained her Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in Epidemiology from Columbia University in New York, New York. Dr. Berekashvili completed her internship and residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Berekashvili is Board Certified in Vascular Neurology from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

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