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Abstract Content

Mobile Stroke Units (MSUs) are ambulances equipped with a CT scanner, point of care laboratory testing, and personnel trained to diagnose and treat tPA-eligible acute stroke patients in the pre-hospital setting, and triage them for Endovascular therapy (EVT). Several studies have shown that MSUs speed the delivery of tPA and EVT, but how much overall impact MSUs have on stroke outcomes is uncertain. We aimed to carry out a phase III

prospective multicenter cluster randomized (by weeks) intention to treat (ITT) study with blinded assessment of both trial entry as well as clinical outcomes comparing tPA-eligible patients managed by MSUs vs Standard Management (SM). We hypothesized that compared to SM, MSUs will improve disability measured 90 days after stroke, and health care resource utilization over the next year. Here we report the 90 day primary outcome and relevant pre-specified secondary and safety outcomes. The comparison of health care resource utilization will be published separately.