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Please distribute to First Responders and Public Safety Answering Points

Based on information received from the New York State, Department of Health, Western Region Office, the Stroke Center at Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital will relocate to the Gates Vascular Institute (GVI) at Buffalo General Hospital. It is our understanding that we will receive formal notice of this status change later this week.

Please take note that stroke services will relocate to the GVI as of Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 06:30 hours. Effective immediately, the Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Emergency Department is providing outpatient services and should not receive patients with critical medical conditions likely in need of hospital admission such as STEMI, chest pain, or other acute conditions. Patients requiring admission will be treated and transferred to the appropriate Kaleida facility. The Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital will close all emergency services on March 28, 2012 at 06:00 hours as previously announced.

Please make every effort to inform your responders of this change in operations to afford patients appropriate care during this transition. As more information becomes available, we will share it with the First Responder Community.

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