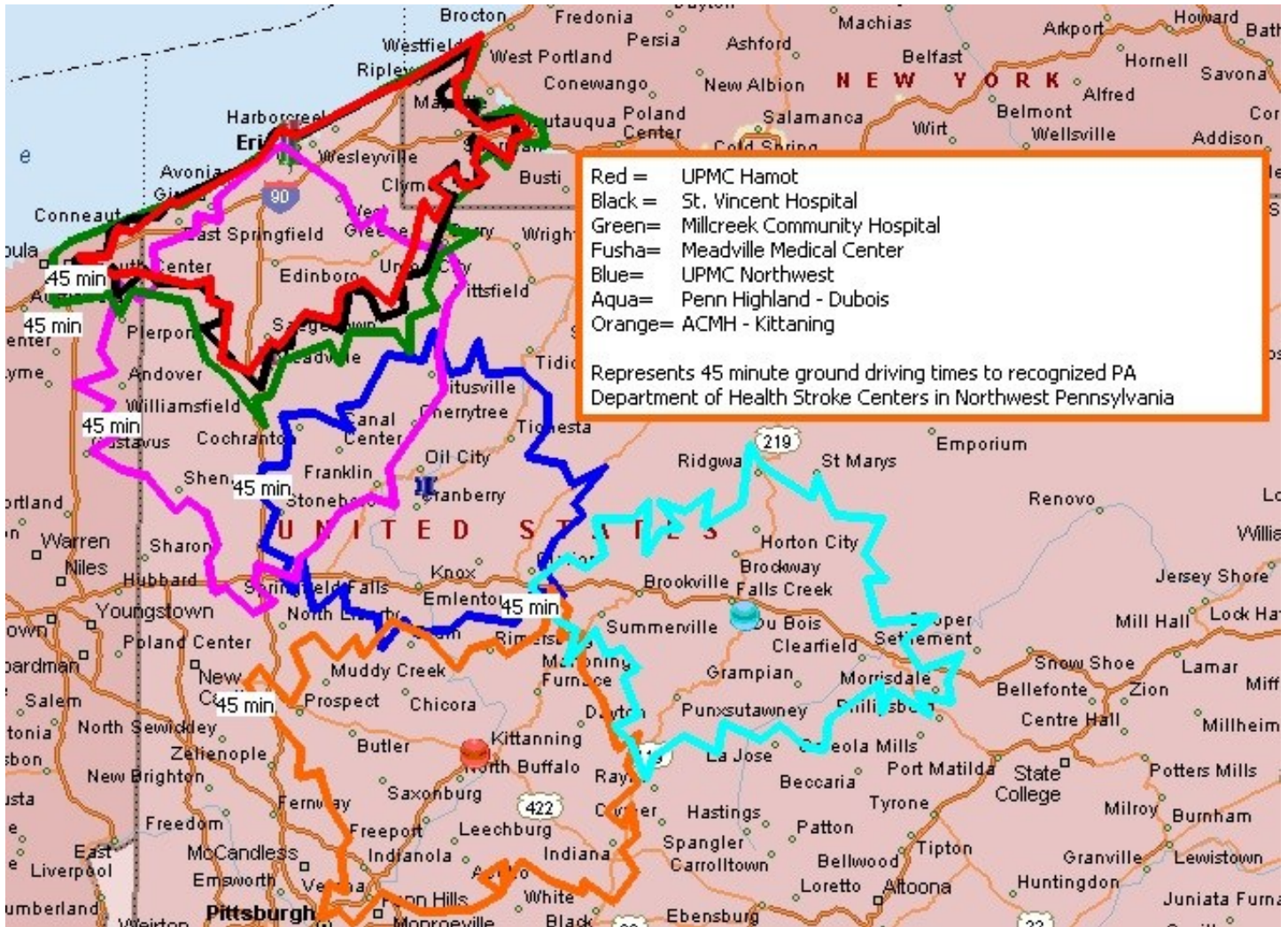


# EMMCO West Regional Map

## 45 Minute Drive Time Zones to Department of Health Primary Stroke Centers



The PA Department of Health has identified these hospitals in Northwest PA as Primary Stroke Centers. Per statewide protocols 706, 7006, and 181, suspected stroke patients are to be transported to a primary stroke center by ground and/or air ambulance. The above map is provided to EMS providers and medical command physicians to use as a guideline for making transport decisions for the suspected stroke patient.

This map illustrates a 45 minute drive time in “perfect” driving conditions. Weather conditions, traffic congestion, road construction, time of day, etc... are real time variables that an EMS crew and a medical command physician should consider when making a transport destination decision. As with any medical treatment decision, a patient’s choice for treatment and transport is to be respected and taken into consideration.

Geographic areas not located within the 45 minute drive time zone map should consider air ambulance transfer to a primary stroke center. Statewide BLS Protocol 181 addresses the transfer process by air ambulance for the non-trauma patient.

This stroke protocol took effect July 1, 2013, with the implementation of the revised Statewide ALS/BLS Protocols. Check the EMMCO West website, [www.emmco.org](http://www.emmco.org) for future stroke center designations.