

10W – Neuroscience Progressive Unit

Come Join Our #1 Ranked Team!

Northwestern Memorial Hospital's neurology and neurosurgery programs have been ranked #1 in Chicago and Illinois for more than a decade and ranked #5 in the Nation. We provide treatment for a full range of neurological disorders and specialize in the treatment of injuries and diseases affecting the brain and spinal cord. Many of our physicians are national leaders in their field.

We are among the nation's leading centers of neurosurgical care for patients with cerebrovascular disorders such as stroke and aneurysm, brain and spine tumors, functional disorders such as movement and epilepsy and complex problems of the spine resulting in neck and spine.

Job Description

Patient Population: Neurosurgical, Stroke, General Neurosciences, and Epilepsy

Please look at our 10 West Instagram page to see what our team has been up to recently!

[Northwestern Neuro Nurses \(@10west_10best\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

General Care Information

The Neuroscience Progressive unit is a 29-bed unit comprised of a neuroscience step down (12 beds), neuroscience floor (11 beds), and epilepsy monitoring unit (6 beds). Our nurses are trained to work in all areas of this unit allowing them to experience caring for the neurological population at various phases of the care continuum.

Specialty Care & Devices

The **Neuro Step Down Unit** is the 12-bed progressive care portion of the unit that cares for the complex neurological patient population. Northwestern Memorial Hospital is a Comprehensive Stroke Center, providing the highest level of stroke care to this patient population. This area of the unit provides care to the stroke patient in the acute phase of their care, accepting patients immediately post TPA or thrombectomy. Our nurses within this area will frequently assess neurological status and continuously monitor patients' telemetry and pulse oximetry. The Neuro Step Down unit also accepts patients with cerebrospinal fluid drains such as extraventricular drains (EVDs) and lumbar drains.

The **Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU)** is a segment of the larger unit that welcomes electively admitted patients who are monitored and evaluated for seizure events. These patients are monitored on video electroencephalography (vEEG) in a safe, controlled environment. Nurses in this area of the unit are expected to safely and promptly respond, assess, and keep patients safe during these events.

The **neuroscience floor** accepts medical and surgical patients with neurological diagnoses. Patients cared for within this area are more stable and out of that acute phase of care required of the Neuro Step Down. Populations served in this area include: Brain tumor resections and management, neuromuscular disorders, demyelinating disorders, stroke, and seizures.

The complex care of the neurological population requires collaboration from all members of the interdisciplinary team. All of our team members take pride in being a part of the care team and are looking for another teammate that has the “brains” for the job!