



**2nd Annual Conference**  
**Stroke Care in Rhode Island**  
**Building a Foundation for a Stroke System of Care**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**  
**7:15 am – 3:45 pm**  
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#### PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

This program is designed to increase the healthcare professionals' knowledge of current cerebrovascular issues confronting the healthcare professionals caring for stroke patients across the continuum of care.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**After participating in this activity, participants will be able to:**

- Explain RI stroke data and stroke legislation
- Describe the pertinent changes to the relevant protocols, effective August 1, 2011
- Distinguish outcomes of stroke patients cared for in stroke units versus other hospital areas
- Explain the preparation and targeted education needed to bring staff on a designated stroke unit to a minimum of competent level in stroke patient care
- Explain the function of the stroke unit
- List two financial benefits for a hospital to have a designated stroke unit
- Describe how to extend the time window for acute stroke therapy
- Discuss strategies to achieve door to needle time of 60 minutes or less
- Identify barriers to care for the acute stroke patient in the emergency department in a timely manner
- Review of methods to improve door to thrombolytic time measures
- Discuss two ways of sharing quality improvement data in an organization
- Describe the administrative role for developing a stroke center and receiving credentialing from Joint Commission.
- Define the importance of team approach to Stroke Care in the Community Hospital
- List two of the latest research developments discussed at the International Stroke Conference
- Identify 2 types of stroke mimics
- Recognize the basis for potential interventions for rehabilitation of stroke survivors

**We thank the *Rhode Island Stroke Coordinators Network* for their support and contributions to this conference. *The Rhode Island Stroke Coordinators Network* is comprised of hospital based stroke coordinators and other designated staff.**

**Conference Agenda**

<b>7:15 - 7:45 am</b>	<b>Registration, Breakfast and Exhibitors</b>
<b>7:45 - 7:55 am</b>	<b>Welcome / Opening Remarks</b> <b>Susan Moore, BSN, RN</b> Committee Chair, Manager Stroke Program, Kent Hospital; Warwick, RI
<b>7:55 - 8:10 am</b>	<b>State-of-the-State: Rhode Island Stroke Update</b> <b>Michael Fine, MD</b> Director, Rhode Island Department of Health; Providence, RI
<b>8:10 - 8:30 am</b>	<b>Updates on EMS Stroke Protocols</b> <b>Jason M. Rhodes, MPA, EMT-C</b> Chief, Division of EMS, RI Department of Health; Providence, RI
<b>8:30 - 9:25 am</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: Designated Stroke Units</b> <b>Moderator: Susan Moore, BSN, RN</b>
<b>8:30 - 8:45 am</b>	<b>Why a Designated Stroke Unit? What are the Considerations for Design?</b> <b>Brian Silver, MD, FAHA</b> Director, Stroke Center, Rhode Island Hospital; Providence, RI
<b>8:45 - 9:00 am</b>	<b>Roles and Responsibilities in the Acute Setting: A Nursing and Physician Perspective</b> <b>Michael Vecchione, DO</b> Stroke Program Director, Newport Hospital; Newport, RI <b>Kathy Bergeron, MS, RN, CNS, CEN</b> CNS ED and ICU, Stroke Coordinator, Newport Hospital; Newport, RI
<b>9:00 - 9:10 am</b>	<b>Stroke Units: What are the Financial Benefits for Hospitals?</b> <b>Helen Reed, RN</b> VP, Revenue Cycle, Care New England; Warwick, RI
<b>9:10 - 9:25 am</b>	<b>Panel/Participant Discussion and Q &amp; A</b>
<b>9:25 - 10:25 am</b>	<b>Keynote Presentation: Acute Stroke: Therapy: Current Status &amp; Future Directions</b> <b>Marc Fisher, MD</b> University of Massachusetts Medical School; Worcester, MA
<b>10:25 - 10:45 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break, Exhibitors and Networking</b>
<b>10:45 - 11:45 am</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: Target Stroke: Time Lost is Brain Lost</b> <b>Moderator: Kathleen Bergeron, MS, RN, CNS, CEN</b>
<b>10:45 - 11:00 am</b>	<b>Best Practices Strategies for Delivery of tPA in 60 Minutes</b> <b>Arshad Iqbal, MD</b> Chair, Rhode Island Stroke Task Force; Warwick, RI
<b>11:00 - 11:15 am</b>	<b>ED Nursing Responsibilities: Patient Arrival to tPA Delivery</b> <b>Adam Rojek, RN, BSN</b> Education Coordinator, Andrew F. Anderson Emergency Center, Rhode Island Hospital; Providence, RI

## Conference Agenda Continued

<b>11:15 - 11:30 am</b>	<b>Overcoming Barriers to Target Stroke Achievements</b> <b>Barbara Malacaria, RN, MS, CCRN</b> Patient Care Director, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island; Pawtucket, RI
<b>11:30 - 11:45 am</b>	<b>Panel/Participant Discussion and Q &amp; A</b>
<b>11:45 am- 12:05 pm</b>	<b>Use of Data to Drive Quality Improvement</b> <b>Celia Gomes McGillivray, MPH, BSN, RN-BC, CHES</b> Quality Outcomes Coordinator, The Miriam Hospital; Providence, RI
<b>12:05 - 1:05 pm</b>	<b>Lunch, Networking, Visiting with Exhibitors</b>
<b>1:05 - 1:20 pm</b>	<b>Why it All Matters: A Stoke Survivor's Perspective</b>
<b>1:20 - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: Preparing for Joint Commission Certification</b> <b>Moderator: Jo-Ann M. Sarafin, MS, FNP-BC</b>
<b>1:20 - 1:35 pm</b>	<b>Administrative Considerations</b> <b>Elaine C. Jones, MD, FAAN</b> Medical Director, Stroke Center, Roger Williams Medical Center; Bristol, RI
<b>1:35 - 1:50 pm</b>	<b>A Community Hospital's Perspective: Breaking down the process to reach the goals</b> <b>Laurie Browning, RN, MS-CS, ANP</b> Nurse Manager Emergency Department and Women and Newborn Care Unit, South County Hospital; Wakefield, RI  <b>Pat Towle, RN</b> Performance Improvement Coordinator; South County Hospital; Wakefield, RI
<b>1:50 - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Panel/Participant Discussion and Q &amp; A</b>
<b>2:00 - 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Update from 2012 International Stroke Conference</b> <b>Brian Silver, MD, FAHA</b> Director, Stroke Center, Rhode Island Hospital; Providence, RI  <b>Jo-Ann M. Sarafin, MS, FNP-BC</b> Stroke Program Manager, Rhode Island Hospital; Providence, RI
<b>2:30 - 2:50 pm</b>	<b>Stroke Mimics</b> <b>Norman M Gordon, MD;</b> Clinical Associate Professor, Brown University, Alpert School of Medicine; Chief, Division of Neurology, Miriam Hospital; Providence, RI
<b>2:50 - 3:20 pm</b>	<b>Novel Interventions for Stroke Rehabilitation</b> <b>Stephen T. Mernoff, MD, FAAN</b> Associate Professor of Neurology (Clinical), Brown Alpert Medical School; Chief, Neurology Section, Providence VA Medical Center; Providence, RI
<b>3:20 - 3:45 pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A and Wrap-up</b>  <b>Susan Moore, BSN, RN</b>

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## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants from the Neurology, Emergency Medicine, and Quality Improvement Departments and other health professionals caring for stroke patients across the continuum of care.

## **CERTIFICATION**

### **Continuing Medical Education Accreditation - Physicians**

The American Heart Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Heart Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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### **Continuing Medical Education Accreditation – Physician Assistants**

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This continuing education activity is approved by the American Heart Association, an organization accredited by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS), for 6.75 Basic CEHs, activity number 12-AMHA-F1-0140.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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We encourage participation by all individuals. If you have a disability, advance notification of any special needs will help us to serve you better. Check with the staff at the on-site registration and desk, if you require special assistance to fully participate in the conference.

**Questions? Contact Nia Flick at [nia.flick@heart.org](mailto:nia.flick@heart.org) or 518-869-4058.**

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### **REGISTRATION FEES (Payable by credit card)**

Includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Educational Handouts

<b>Early Registration (through 2/1/2012)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Registration (after 2/1/2012)	\$60.00
Students	\$30.00

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

**If you cannot attend, please call 518.869.4058 in advance to cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend.**

Refund of Registration Fee, less a \$25 Administration Fee, will be given if written notice of cancellation is postmarked by February 1, 2012. Refunds or Credits will not be issued after February 1, 2012.

### **TO REGISTER (Online registration is required for all participants)**

If you have previously registered at our Professional Education Center, go to Step 2 and log-in using your existing user name/ password. If you do not remember or do not have your username and password, please click on Sign In Help or Forgot Password on any of our Log In pages to have it resent or call 1-888-242-2453 to retrieve that information, **please do not open a new account.**

*For assistance registering call: Professional Education Center Help Desk, 1-888-242-2453, M-F, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm*

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**or**

Non AHA/ASA National Members sign up [here](#).

Complete New User sign up information.

Click on: [Register](#)

**\*\* Please write down your username / password for future use. \*\***

\* Continue to Step 2 to register for conference.\*

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Click on: [Enroll](#) again

ONLY if you have “Special Dietary Needs” - Click on [Registration Question – ADA / Dietary Requirements](#)

If there are no special needs, skip to the next step; If applicable, type your special dietary needs in box and

Click on: [Submit](#)

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- If you have a Coupon Code enter code - Click: [Register Now](#)

- If you do not have a Coupon Code - Click: [Register Now](#)

Read: [Cancellation Policy](#) if you accept Click: [Continue](#)

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Follow registration instructions (once you have entered your credit card information **please Click: [Submit](#) once** to prevent your credit card from being charged more than once).

### **DIRECTIONS**

**Radisson Hotel Providence Airport**

**2081 Post Road**

**Warwick, RI 02886**

**Phone (401) 739-3000**

- Take Rt. 95 North or South to exit 13 (T. F. Green Airport exit).
- Follow the connector road to the Post Road exit.
- At the end of that exit, take a left at the traffic light onto Post Road.
- The Radisson Hotel Providence Airport is 1/10 of a mile on the left.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If you have a question regarding cancellation due to weather conditions please call 516.450.9107 after 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 and if the conference has been cancelled there will be a recording indicating the change.