



2026 - South Dakota Neuro Stroke Conference Agenda

9/29/26

11:30-12:00 PM Registration & Lunch with vendors

12:00-12:10 PM Welcome

12:10-1:10 PM Building Stronger Rural Stroke Systems of Care: Every Partner Matters

Dr. Tim Putnam

Discuss the parts of a stroke system of care & how to be successful.

Track A

1:15–1:45 PM Empowering New Mothers: Navigating Life After Stroke

Kylie Widhelm – OTD, OTR/L

Pregnancy & post-partum stroke considerations.

1:45-2:15 pm Post-Stroke Care Coordination: Social Work and Case Management Strategies

Marcy Morrison – Monument Health & Celine Block - Avantara North/Mountain

Discharging stroke patients back to the community.

Track B

1:15–2:15 PM Stroke Systems of Care: From Field Recognition to ED Intervention

Dr. Dan Davis

Pre-Hospital & Emergency Department Stroke Recommendations

All Tracks

2:15–2:35 PM Vendor and Poster Viewing + Snack Break

2:35–3:05 PM The Future of Stroke Care in SD with GIS Mapping

Jeremiah Maxfield

South Dakota's work in creating real-time mapping for emergency communication.

3:05–3:50 PM Substance Use and Stroke: Clinical Considerations Across the Continuum of Care

Dr. Paul Berger

Alcohol and drug considerations in the treatment of stroke.

3:50–4:05 PM Vendor and Poster Viewing

4:05–5:35 PM Stroke Basics Panel

Caitlin Schlosser, Lucinda Nelson, & Morgan Lantis

How to perform basic assessments used the identification and treatment of stroke patients

5:35–6:35 PM Basics Assessment Skills Check
Caitlin Schlosser, Lucinda Nelson, & Morgan Lantis
Hands-on stroke assessment in stroke scenarios.

Social Event to follow closing of Day one of the conference

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7:30–7:35 AM Welcome

7:35-8:20 AM Depression, Sex & Relationships after Stroke
Brier Jirka
The impact and prevalence of post-stroke depression.

8:20–9:05 AM Hemorrhagic Stroke Management
Dr. Navdeep Sanha
Treatment of hemorrhagic strokes.

9:05–9:50 AM The State of South Dakota’s Stroke System of Care
Secretary Melissa Magstadt
The current state of South Dakota’s Stroke System of Care

9:50–10:10 AM Exhibitor Break and Poster Viewing + Snack Break

10:15–10:45 AM Breakout Sessions

Importance of Early Mobility for Nurses & Low-tech Equipment Options to Enhance Mobility
Christy Pacheco, PT, DPT, CCS
How nurses can help facilitate stroke rehab.

OR

The Impact of Telehealth in Rural Stroke Systems
John Gruber, NR-Paramedic
The importance of telehealth and tele-stroke in patient care.

10:45–10:55 AM Return from breakout groups to main conference

10:55–11:40 AM Implementing Quality Improvement – “it’s everyone’s job to do process improvement”
Megan Catalano, Nicole Hansen, Melanie Liese, Shelby Schmidt, & Lindsey Heitkamp
The importance of quality improvement and model shares from EMS, Hospitals, & Rehab.

11:40–12:10 PM Voices of Recovery
Chrissy Meyers
A moderated discussion of survivor experiences.

12:10–12:15 PM Closing Remarks