COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTER NETWORK: WHO WE ARE:
A member-only network offered exclusively for all certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSC) certified by American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and The Joint Commission.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: SIGN UP NOW FOR THE CSC TASKFORCES:** Join one of four main taskforces that will focus on key priorities identified by the Comprehensive Stroke Center Forum webinar on December 4th. Deadline to sign-up for taskforces is December 16, 2013. If you have questions or need further information for any of the taskforces, please email accreditation@heart.org.

- *****NEW*** CSC National Forum External Sharepoint Site:** As a temporary solution to online access, we have developed an external SharePoint site as an interim home for all things related to the CSC National Forum. Sign up now and gain ACCESS!

- **Will you be attending International Stroke Conference in 2014?** Make sure you are in the loop on all Comprehensive Stroke Center events and benefits being offered to you at our annual stroke conference!

- **December 4, 2013 Webinar recording now available.** In case you missed the interactive discussion on setting key priorities for our CSC national stroke agenda, click here to listen to the recording of the webinar.

- **National USA Today Ad:** Our December 10th ad in USA Today is available here! Don’t forget to share this exciting feature on your website and social media sites. Find out how!

- **Coming soon:** Online store of CSC branded merchandise.

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SIGN UP NOW FOR THE CSC TASKFORCES

- During the recent Dec 4th, 2013 Comprehensive Stroke Center National Forum Webinar, CSCs confirmed the top priorities as part of the National Stroke Agenda and agreed on the following taskforces that will work towards achieving our goals.

- We are now calling on you to sign up for the taskforces based on your areas of interest. Don’t miss this chance to participate and engage with your fellow peers on these important topics.

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TASKFORCES BELOW**, Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 16, 2013

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| EMS Routing Practices Taskforce                       | • Develop national objectives or regional guidelines/policies on EMS routing practices and coordinated efforts between Comprehensive Stroke Centers, Primary Stroke Centers and Acute Stroke Ready Centers  
• Explore and identify existing examples/tools that may contribute with proper integration with EMS agencies  
• Additional practices as identified by taskforce |
| Taskforce focused on development of educational tools and content | • Content on triaging of EMS patients  
• Content for EMS professionals  
• Content for ED physicians  
• Additional information as identified by taskforce |
| Taskforce for developing best work flow practices | • Explore ideal process(es) for how a patient progresses through the stroke system of care  
• Explore how CSCs compile data, collect metrics and identify best practices/process flows  
• Strategize how to use this data within this group  
• Identify relevant research projects, case studies, etc.  
• What levels of evidence exist and identify needs for key stroke research to progress complex stroke care |
| Taskforce for stroke research projects | |

CSC Connect E-News
The latest news and information about American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and The Joint Commission certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers Network

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Comprehensive Stroke Center(CSC) National Forum Extranet Site

- Introducing the new CSC Extranet site where you can access webinar documents, program information, and useful tools and resources. It will take a few minutes for you to set up your account.

Link to access the Site: [https://extranet.heart.org/nat/QI/csc/default.aspx](https://extranet.heart.org/nat/QI/csc/default.aspx)
- Your first time using the site a log-in screen will appear. You will need to create a My American Heart account.

**NEW*** EXTRANET SITE – CREATE YOUR MY AMERICAN HEART and GAIN ACCESS NOW!

**HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE CSC NATIONAL FORUM ONLINE EXTRANET:**

To gain access to the CSC Extranet, each individual will need to create a My American Heart Account:

1. Click on this link to access the CSC Extranet: [https://extranet.heart.org/nat/QI/csc](https://extranet.heart.org/nat/QI/csc)
2. Click on “Need an account? Sign up”, a new window will open, choose Non-AHA Member click here.
3. Create your account using a username and password you can easily remember and close window when complete.
4. Try to access the [https://extranet.heart.org/nat/QI/csc](https://extranet.heart.org/nat/QI/csc) again.
5. You will receive an “Access Denied” message. Please click on “request access.”
6. You will soon receive a confirmation email that will give you access to the site.

Note: User Name & Password are case and space sensitive and are important to keep for future access.

**WHAT IS THE CSC NATIONAL FORUM EXTRANET SITE?**

This extranet site will allow the Comprehensive Stroke Center group to interact and share ideas on discussion forums as well as act as a repository of documents for subgroups & taskforces.

This is a platform for the where meeting documents and relevant information that is pertinent to the group will be stored. Meeting documents will be posted prior to all meetings. This will save on sending large email attachments and allow members to access materials at any time without having to locate an email.

**WHO CAN OBTAIN ACCESS?**

Exclusive access will only be granted to staff from Comprehensive Stroke Centers certified by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and The Joint Commission. This is a closed SharePoint site.
INTERNATIONAL STROKE CONFERENCE (ISC) 2014

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND RSVP NOW FOR EXCLUSIVE EVENTS BEING HELD FOR COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTERS.

Please click here to register or use the link embedded in the invitation below

CSC Session and Networking Event: Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 7:00PM-9:00PM PT RSVP ONLINE
Please join us for an honorary luncheon to recognize certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers and Primary Stroke Centers during International Stroke Conference on Thursday February 13, 2014! 12:00PM to 1:30PM PST, RSVP ONLINE

Please click here to register or use the link embedded in the invitation below.

We look forward to celebrating YOU!
VIP LOUNGE FOR COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTERS AT ISC 2014

- We will honor you at the International Stroke Conference by offering a VIP Lounge at ISC!

Please stop by YOUR lounge in

Room 30E of the Convention Center
to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy complimentary snacks!

This is an exclusive benefit for
certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers!

VIP LOUNGE ACCESS:

Room 30E, San Diego Convention Center

Lounge hours: 8am – 5pm

Dates: February 12-14, 2014
DECMBER 4, 2013 COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTER NATIONAL FORUM WEBINAR RECORDING

- Thank you to all who joined the great discussion during our 3rd quarterly webinar on December 4, 2013. A special thank you to our facilitators from Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN who guided the discussions on key national stroke agenda priorities. With the interactive discussions between CSCs during the webinar, the top 5 ranked key priorities have been identified and developed key taskforces that will be working on the top priorities.

- [Webinar recording is available here](#). Documents of the webinar may also be found here on the [CSC External SharePoint Site](#)(Please use your my American Heart log in to access this link)

- We welcome your feedback and input on our webinars; please [complete a webinar evaluation here](#).

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YOUR HOSPITAL IS FEATURED IN THE LATEST USA TODAY AD!

- On December 10, 2013, 59 certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers were featured in USA Today print Ad. [Click here to see the Ad](#).

- SPREAD THE WORD! Share this national recognition on your institution’s website, social media site, etc., we have made it simple for you, see these pre-developed messages found on the [CSC external SharePoint Site here](#).(Please use your my American Heart log in to access this link)

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WHAT DATA REGISTRIES ARE YOU USING?

- Let us know what data registry are you are using, is it Get With The Guidelines or is it another data registry. [Fill in the data registry you are using here](#).
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