



December 14th 2018 Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion
Call to order	<i>Gene Latorre- Meeting called to order 10:05</i>
Approval of meeting minutes	<i>September meeting minutes approved</i>
Chairman Update	<i>Gene Latorre had no major announcements to make as part of the chairman update.</i>
Old Business	<i>FAST-ED/stroke severity tool conversation deferred to new business.</i>
New Business	<p><i>The group entered into discussion of the current pre-hospital stroke severity tools that are being used. The NYS collaborative protocols, that have been revised and will be voted on January 2019, indicate that each region may select a stroke severity tool that best fits the region. It has been recommended that this region utilize the FAST-ED stroke severity tool.</i></p> <p><i>There was discussion on why this tool is most appropriate or most validated stroke severity tool. Josh and Gene discussed that there has not been a fully validated stroke severity tool that is appropriate for use in all areas. The FAST-ED tool was selected as research has shown that it has a high degree of specificity and selectivity for large vessel stroke. Josh added that this tool only adds two additional assessment elements to the already-in-use CPSS screening tool, making this an easy tool to teach to EMS. The two additional items are eye deviation and denial/neglect.</i></p> <p><i>There as a motion to approve FAST-ED as a regionally approved stroke severity tool by Latorre, with Ann Smith seconding the motion. The motion passed with all members present in favor of the use of this tool.</i></p> <p><i>There was also a discussion on bypass protocols and medical control input in hospital destination. Dr. Parshall mentioned that there is still confusion in the North Country hospital surrounding treatment window for endovascular and what stroke centers are capable of treating. Ann Smith add that medical control is utilized when EMS does not know what to do/where to send the stroke patient for treatment. A guidance document will be created for the region including this information.</i></p>

RSTAC Subcommittee Updates	<p><i>No new updated from previous meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The following tasks will be assigned to each subcommittee for the next meeting:</i></p> <p><i>EMS Group: Develop FAST-ED Education and present to RSTAC group at next meeting. This group will also be responsible for the creation of a “guidance document for medical control” that alerts them of the types of stroke centers in the area and what each center is capable for treatment.</i></p> <p><i>Clinical and Quality Group: track use of FAST-ED tool and develop a pilot study</i></p> <p><i>Education Committee: will roll out education after EMS commit has developed plan.</i></p>
New York States Updates	<p><i>Josh updated the group on the DOH’s decision to move forward with allowing accrediting bodies to designate all New York Stroke Centers (as PSC, TCSC, or CSC) Acute Stroke Ready is a designation offered by some accrediting bodies, but NYS will not recognize this level of designation in their planning. Josh mentioned that the Central and Western Stroke Coordinators Group (who were meeting at the same time as RSTAC) were being walked through designation processes by both JAHCO and DNV. There are many NYS designated stroke centers throughout the state that lack accreditation from JAHCO or DNV that would be in jeopardy of losing their designation if they do not switch. The required change will be over a 2-4 year grace period.</i></p>
Educational Opportunities	<p><i>Josh discussed with the group that Upstate Stroke Program would be introducing Advanced Stroke Life Support training to the area. The target audience for this course is hospital and pre-hospital providers. Josh will share with the group when there are offerings for attendance.</i></p>
Regional Reports	<p><i>Susie reported the CDC Coverdell grant has allowed several area hospital stroke program access to “Hospital Hub”. This program allows the hospital users to access PCR’s as well as have real-time information of inbound patients. The “hospital hub” information has been shared with the CNY area hospital by DOH EMS representation. More information to come on this program.</i></p>
Adjournment	<p><i>Meeting adjourned 10:53</i></p>
Next Meeting:	<p><i>March 15th, 2019 10:00 Room TBD</i></p>

Hospital	Council Attendee
CNY EMS	Susie Surprenant
Crouse Hospital	Tarakad Ramachandran, MD
Crouse Hospital	Oksana Kaskov, RN
Gouverneur Hospital	James Moore, RN
Gouverneur Hospital	Susan Bradley
Lewis County General Hospital	Mark Parshall, MD
Lewis County General Hospital	Nick Hanno, RN
North Country EMS	Ann Smith
River Hospital	Christy Pharoah, RN
River Hospital	Chris Symenow, PA
Samaritan Medical Center/LifeNet	Maja Gray, MD (phone)
Upstate Community Campus	Jay Brenner, MD
Upstate Downtown Campus	Pat Veinot, RN
Upstate Downtown Campus	Gene Latorre, MD
Upstate Downtown Campus	Josh Onyan, RN
Upstate Downtown Campus	Liz Keesler, RN
Upstate Downtown Campus	Doug Sandbrook