



December 17th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion
Call to order	Dr. Gene Latorre- Meeting called to order 10:02
Meeting Minutes Approval	Minutes approved from September meeting with no additions or retractions.
Chairman Update	<p>Dr. Gene Latorre provided an update to the group on the Upstate Tenecteplase roll-out process. Latorre noted that nursing, neuro, and pharmacy groups are having a very good experience so far with the utilization of this drug. Latorre pointed out the ease of administration (bolus dose, only, versus bolus plus infusion for Alteplase). Post-administration assessment and rates of adverse reactions are the same between Alteplase and Tenecteplase, with Tenecteplase being significantly cheaper. Latorre reminded the group that Upstate had shared a “starter kit” with teaching points for staff, resources, and roll-out information. This kit will be shared with the meeting minutes. Latorre noted that Tenecteplase is a great drug of choice for our region as the bolus-only component makes it easier and quicker in the drip and ship process.</p> <p>Ann Smith asked if additional education was required for EMS. Latorre noted that the same post-administration care was required (BP < 180, watch for signs of angioedema or hemorrhagic conversion).</p>
Old Business	Latorre reviewed the proposed changes/additions to the bylaws which included information on: officer requirements, term of office, and officer election. A motion was made to accept these additions by Jay Moore, seconded by Ann Smith. Latorre moved to vote on the new bylaws with these additional, the vote was carried with no oppositions.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Onyan provided the group with an update on the 2022 DNV Stroke Standards, which were recently released. Onyan noted some of the changes made from the 2018 standards, which include: volume requirements, staff education requirements, patient education requirements, a formal mortality and morbidity review process, and a “tighter” requirement on timing and scheduling of rehab therapies. Onyan reminded the group that New York State also has regulations, which may supersede some of the DNV changes as stroke centers must survey to the higher of the two requirements. Onyan also noted that NYS is on track to release updates soon.

Attendees: G. Latorre, J. Onyan, J. Brenner, J. Moore, M. Cox, M. Vallelunga, O. Kaskov, R. Turrin, R. Zhovklaya, B. Medve, A. Smith, B. Casscles, V. Ouimette, M. Jorolemon, C. Pharoah, E. Alan
 Excused: S. Surprenant

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Smith presented data from the North Country on the integration and utilization of the FAST-ED stroke assessment tool. Smith noted a significant rise in the use of the FAST-ED assessment tool (from 12% to 35% utilized- see attached data). Smith noted that the objective was to increase awareness and utilization of the FAST-ED tool, which has been met based on this data. • Smith also noted that 100% of the North Country EMS agencies are now using electronic PCR's.
<p>New York States Updates</p>	<p>Onyan discussed the timeline for the NYS stroke center application. This deadline has been part of a three-year project bringing NYS and accrediting bodies onto the same page of accrediting and monitoring their hospitals. There is a deadline of March 2022 to apply for stroke designation in NYS, with a completed survey by one of the accrediting bodies by March 2023. More information can be found on the NYS stroke designation website (https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cardiovascular/stroke/designation/). New York State will designate primary stroke centers, thrombectomy-capable stroke centers, and comprehensive stroke centers.</p>
<p>Educational Opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstate continues to hold its Virtual RUSH Presentation Series. The next noon session will be in January and registration can be found at https://www.upstate.edu/stroke/rush2021.php. Please email Josh Onyan with any suggestions of topic ideas. • The International Stroke Conference (presented by the American Heart Association) will be held both in-person and virtually February 9-11 2022 in New Orleans, LA. Registration for the event can be found at: https://professional.heart.org/en/meetings/international-stroke-conference/registration • Latorre introduced the group to Hip Hop Stroke, a child-based education program targeted at 4-6th graders. The Upstate group will be meeting with the Hip Hop rep and inviting anyone from the group to join. More information can be found: https://hhph.org/programs/hip-hop-stroke/
<p>Regional Reports/Round Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latorre discussed diversion and capacity issues going on throughout many of the hospitals. Latorre mentioned that Upstate will keep resources open, through telestroke when possible, for clinical support and communication strategies. • Jay Brenner noted that the Comprehensive centers in Syracuse are put on a force rotation to accommodate the strokes requesting testing and treatment. • Latorre and Brenner noted that it is more difficult to admit an in-patient to in-patient during times of capacity loss. Due to EMTALA rules, it is “easier” to transfer an ED patient to ED or admit for inpatient.

Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 10:52
Next Meeting:	Friday, March 18 th , 2022 10 am Via Zoom https://upstate.zoom.us/j/92979661433