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| **Topic** | **Discussion** |
| **Call to order** | Gene Latorre called the meeting to order 1002 |
| **Meeting Minutes Approval** | Previous meeting minutes approved |
| **Chairman Update** | Gene Latorre began with a Chairman’s Update, providing updates from the 2023 International Stroke Conference (ISC)ISC 2023 highlights* AFDAS – Atrial Fibrillation Detection After Stroke or TIA
	+ Sposato, L. A., Chaturvedi, S., Hsieh, C. Y., Morillo, C. A., & Kamel, H. (2022). Atrial fibrillation detected after stroke and transient ischemic attack: a novel clinical concept challenging current views. Stroke, 53(3), e94-e103.
* ARCADIA- Apixaban vs ASA for Cryptogenic stroke with Atrial cardiomyopathy
* LAA closure
* Expanded criteria for Thrombectomy
	+ Sarraj, A., Hassan, A. E., Abraham, M. G., Ortega-Gutierrez, S., Kasner, S. E., Hussain, M. S., ... & Albers, G. W. (2023). Trial of endovascular thrombectomy for large ischemic strokes. *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Next ISC 2024- Phoenix, AZ! |
| **Old Business** | FAST-ED: Ann Smith of the Northern NY EMS region noted that there has been some opposition from the NYS EMS collaborative groups to add a stroke severity scale into the collaborative protocols. She encouraged the group to continue spreading the FAST-ED message through outreach events to help EMS understand the need for a stroke severity tool. Ann announced to the group her resignation from her current position as she will be moving into the Department of Emergency Preparedness. Jonathan Cole and Jessica Thompson will be covering the North Country EMS groups. Josh discussed the AMA EMS recognition criteria (new AHA initiative) as well as the AHA rural hospital initiatives (See attached). Josh encouraged the group to reach out if interested in participating in either as both are great opportunities to get involved in data collection and reporting at a national level.  |
| **New Business** | “Forget the Drip, Just Bolus and Ship”- Josh presented Upstate’s ISC poster highlighting our regional initiative switching to TNK for ALT. Josh reviewed the data and results from the 8- month regional study, which indicated that by switching to TNK, referring hospitals can potentially shave off door-in-door-out time (DIDO). This study demonstrated a decrease of approx. 20 minutes in DIDO from the hospitals that had switched to TNK from ALT (see attached poster for study details). TNK Updates: Sarah Bailey from River Hospital reported that they will be switching to TNK this year after policy updates and education. Oneida (Dr. Black and J. Dlugolecki) reported that they made the switch in January 2023 with positive feedback from providers and nursing staff. Claxton Hepburn also reported their switch, with similar staff sentiments.  |
| **New York States Updates** | Josh shared with the group the NYS Stroke Guidance Document which was released in March 2023. Stroke centers will have six months from release until updates will be included in certification surveys (documents attached)Highlights include: * CTA will be a requirement in order to be a certified PSC
* The 85% benchmarks for “Door to “measures will be removed
* the “ramp-up period” for acute stroke-ready hospitals will be removed
* Stroke Medical Directors can only serve at one Comprehensive Stroke Center

Bernie (St. Joes) brought up the question regarding training required for the “catheterization laboratory” which, per the document, is required for all levels of stroke centers. As St. Joes has a cardiac cath lab, Bernie ensured that her group was meeting this training requirement. Gene Latorre asked Bernie to clarify with NYS the intention of this requirement. The documents reads “*The Stroke Center provides annual training and education, including a formal orientation, on evidenced-based acute stroke assessment and recognition of signs and symptoms of stroke, management of stroke patients, and protocol for the activation of the acute stroke team, for all nurses, physicians, and midlevel practitioners providing care in the emergency department, acute stroke unit, intensive care unit (ICU), and catheterization laboratory* “ |
| **Educational Opportunities** | St. Joes EMS Teaching Day May 26th, 0800-1600 Syracuse, NY19375.37-Rochester STAR Conference (In-person and Virtual) Thursday, May 4th Rochester, NYNorth Country EMS Spring Fling April 27-29 (Alexandria Bay, NY)  |
| **Regional Reports/Round Table** | Nothing additional to report  |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting was adjourned at 1053 |
| **Next Meeting:** | Friday, June 16th, 2023 10 am Via Zoom <https://upstate.zoom.us/j/99589473373> |