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STROKE SYMPOSIUM

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Overview

Now in its sixth year, the Rhode Island **Stroke** Symposium seeks to integrate the most advanced research and medical knowledge in the treatment of **stroke** and provide a forum for dissemination of that knowledge. The purpose of the program is to provide an update on state-of-the-art evaluation and management of acute **stroke** as practiced at a Comprehensive **Stroke** Center.

The Comprehensive **Stroke** Center at Rhode Island Hospital is the oldest in New England and a high-volume academic medical center that provides cutting-edge care for patients with acute ischemic **stroke**, intracerebral hemorrhage, and subarachnoid hemorrhage. In this program, participants will be exposed to a variety of disciplines, including **stroke** neurology, neurocritical care, neurosurgery, neuro-interventional radiology, emergency medicine, stroke nursing, advanced practice care, and neurorehabilitation. The goal of the activity is to enhance the care of the **stroke** patient in Rhode Island and the wider New England region.

Target Audience

This symposium is designed for regional primary care and specialist physicians, including emergency physicians, neurologists, cardiologists, radiologists, surgeons, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, social workers, advanced practice professionals, residents, fellows, medical students and other allied members of the healthcare team.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the symposium, participants should be better able to:

1. Outline key aspects of acute stroke evaluation in the ED
2. Describe a pathway for assessment of acute dizziness
3. Navigate imaging tools for acute stroke evaluation
4. Review key updates from the 2026 Guidelines on the early management of patients with acute ischemic stroke
5. Evaluate and manage acute stroke in the Neurocritical Care Unit
6. Discuss management of stroke at a primary stroke center (PSC)
7. Summarize key aspects in evaluation and management of asymptomatic carotid artery stenosis
8. Become familiar with managing stroke patients with cancer
9. Review updates in management of dyslipidemia based on the 2026 AHA/ACC Guidelines
10. Delineate evaluation and management of sleep disorders after stroke
11. Compare benefits and risks of intravenous thrombolytic use for patients with acute stroke on direct oral anticoagulant (DOAC) therapy
12. Adopt strategies to standardize ICH care through an acute response team
13. Explore surgical treatment options in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH)
14. Navigate anti-thrombotic and interventional therapies post ICH
15. Survey neuropsychiatric outcomes after ICH

AGENDA

TIME	TALKS	SPEAKERS
7:30-7:55 AM	Sign-in, Breakfast, Visit Exhibitors	
8:00 – 8:05 AM	Welcome & Introduction, Symposium Co-Chairs	Christoph Stretz, MD, FAAN, FANA & Mark S. Cort, MD
8:05 – 10:25 AM	Acute Stroke Evaluation and Management	<u>TOPIC BLOCK 1</u>
	ED Evaluation of Acute Stroke – Optimizing Care Through Multidisciplinary Teamwork	Gino Paolucci, DNP, ACNP-BC, ANVP-BC
	Pathway for Evaluation of Acute Dizziness	Speaker pending final confirmation
	Neuroimaging Tools in Acute Stroke	Dylan Wolman, MD
	Discussion	All Above
	2026 Guideline Update for Acute Ischemic Stroke	Hannah Irvine Russell, MD
	The Stroke Patient in the Neurocritical Care Unit	Eugenie Atallah, MD
	Primary Stroke Center Management of Stroke Patients (Including OPTIMIST)	Speaker 1: Fransisca Indraswari, MD Speaker 2: Pending final confirmation
	Discussion	All Above
10:25 – 10:45 AM	MORNING BREAK	

AGENDA CONTINUED

10:45 AM – 12:20 PM	Stroke Prevention and Recovery	<u>TOPIC BLOCK 2</u>
	2026 Guideline Update on the Management of Dyslipidemia	<i>Speaker pending final confirmation</i>
	Management of Asymptomatic Carotid Stenosis	<i>Farhan Khan, MD, MS</i>
	Classification and Management of Stroke and Active Cancer	<i>Babak Navi, MD, MS</i>
	Evaluation and Management of Sleep Disorders Post-Stroke	<i>Speaker pending final confirmation</i>
	Discussion	<i>All Above</i>
12:20 – 1:20 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
1:20 – 1:50 PM	Debate 1: IV Thrombolysis on DOAC	<i>Eric E. Smith, MD, MPH, FAHA & Joshua Willey, MD, MS</i>
1:50 – 3:25 PM	Intracranial Hemorrhage and Vascular Malformations	<u>TOPIC BLOCK 3</u>
	Acute ICH Response Team – Four-Pillar Approach to Standardized ICH Care	<i>Jennifer Short, BSN, RN, CCRN, SCR N & Chaeli A. Stenuf, MSN, BS, RN, SCR N</i>
	Surgical Management of Intracerebral Hemorrhage (MIS/DHC)	<i>Elias Shaaya, MD</i>
	Antithrombotic Management Strategies Post-ICH	<i>Nils Henninger, MD, PhD</i>
	Neuropsychiatric Outcomes After ICH	<i>TBD</i>
	Discussion	<i>All Above</i>
3:25 – 3:30 PM	Closing Remarks by Symposium Co-Chairs	<i>Christoph Stretz, MD, FAAN, FANA & Mark S. Cort, MD</i>

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