

New Jersey Stroke Coordinator's Consortium Meeting



Date of Conference/ Meeting:	1/22/2026	President:	Kerry Stroud
Location:	Virtual via Google meets	Recorder:	Amanda Leibowitz
Time:	11am-1:00pm	Attending:	See attendance list below

1/22/2026 Meeting Minutes

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**11:05- 11:10
Introduction and
Treasure report**

- Introduction of New Board Members:



Kimberly
Hollender

**Immediate Past
President**

RWJ University
Hospital, RWJ
Barnabas Health



Kerry Stroud

President

CentraState Medical
Center, Atlantic Health
System



Laura Smith

President-Elect

RWJ University
Hospital Somerset



Alyson Bryson

Treasurer

Monmouth Medical
Center-Southern
Campus



Vandana Parikh

Media Secretary

Select Specialty, Select
Health



Marianna Ingrao

**Corresponding
Secretary**

Jersey Shore
University Medical
Center, Hackensack
Meridian Health



Amanda Leibowitz

**Recording
Secretary**

Community Medical
Center, RWJ Barnabas
Health

- Treasurer Report is

Stroke designation & transport policy

- Implemented universal stroke designation and EMS stroke-identification training; post-training data collection occurred.
- Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSC) have documented capabilities and are preferred for large strokes; considered most robust.
- Transport rule: route to CSC if total transport time < 30 minutes; if not within 30 minutes, route to TSC; if neither, route to nearest spoke center.
- New Jersey is densely populated; 94% of population is classified urban.
- Air transport is rarely operational; local protocols may allow medical-decision exceptions if they prioritize suspected LVO → CSC and non-LVO → nearest primary center.

**Opening
Remarks by
Kerry
Stroud
Present for
2026-2027**

**Alyson
Bryson**

**Dr.
Halperin/
Kirsten
Posselt**

**11:10- 11:50 NJ
Stroke Care
Advisory Panel
(SCAP) Update
Pre-Hospital Triage
recommendations**

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**11:50-12:10:
Genomadix/MedPro**

EMS protocols & hospital coordination

- OEMs EMS clinical practice guidelines are published online (link shared) and updated annually.
- Section 2.3 covers altered mental status and stroke suspicion; follow 2.2.3 for stroke assessment using the RAID score and designated primary stroke center.
- Stroke coordinators must coordinate with local EMS using geography and hospital capabilities to determine the optimal destination for each patient.
- Protocols advise EMS to transport suspected stroke patients directly to CT scan on the stretcher, then perform ER tasks, weighing, and neurology or teleneurology consultation.
- Advisory councils disseminate guidelines, review basic EMS education, and promote patient-focused destination decisions; guidance was previously endorsed by Commissioner Jeff Brown and next advisory update is planned for March.

Genotyping (CYP2C19) presentation

- Stroke recurrence concentrated early: almost 50% of recurrent events occur within 48 hours; 70.1% of recurrent strokes occur within the first 10 days (from an overall 9.4% recurrence).
- Dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) with clopidogrel plus aspirin is standard; CHANCE and POINT trials support early DAPT; ticagrelor plus aspirin is an accepted alternative.
- Clopidogrel is a prodrug activated by CYP2C19; CYP2C19 loss-of-function alleles (2, 3) reduce clopidogrel activation and clinical effectiveness.
- CPIC (2022) and the American Heart Association (2024) recommend genotype-guided escalation to ticagrelor+aspirin for CYP2C19 loss-of-function carriers; CHANCE-2 (LOF carriers) showed a 21% reduction in recurrent events with ticagrelor+aspirin, with benefit concentrated in the first week.
- Genomatics point-of-care test uses three cheek swabs, returns 1 hour genotypes for 1, 2, 3, 17, reported 99.1% accuracy versus bidirectional sequencing (FDA submission), is run as CLIA in the US with typical results available within ~3 hours for rapid therapy adaptation; MedStar reported ~30% LOF prevalence in their population.

Jeremy Bridge-Cook, Chief Science Officer Genomadix

**Gina
Perrella**

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- All data must be input by that date for 2025 award consideration
- Please reach out to Casey with any questions or needs prior to the submission deadline
 - o Mastering Joint Commission Stroke Measure Algorithms Webinar
 - o Held 1/21, contact Casey for the link if you are interested in viewing
 - o Research using GWTG-Stroke Data

- GWTG-Stroke participating hospitals may analyze and publish data from AHA Quality programs in peer reviewed journals, at scientific conferences, and/or on public facing websites
 - o IRB approval of analysis of national GWTG data at the GWTG Biostatistical Core Center for research purposes has been obtained
 - o Only local IRP approval is required on your part
- Opportunities to submit to ISC, Quality Showcase Events, etc.

- [Hospital Level Research Policy](#) – Please be sure to abide by the GWTG hospital level research policy if using GWTG-Stroke data for research.
 - o If you are using GWTG data for research, please notify Casey so she can help you with any needed approvals or assist in using the platform

- GWTG-Stroke at ISC
 - o Two events
 - AHA Global Quality Showcase, required pre-registration
 - GWTG Quality Achievement Awards Dinner, requires pre-registration
 - For any hospital that received 2025 GWTG award

**Shirley
Hartley**

**12:20-12:35
Certification Review
Visits/Discussion
board questions**

Certification Review Visits

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Date: January 13-14,2026
Stroke coordinator presenting: Shirley Hartley
Hospital:University Hospital

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Education, conferences & outreach

- o Leverage an external group to present a COH case at the EMS conference.
- o Create a paper form summarizing COH information for each site.
- o Morgan's PowerPoint is nearly complete and will be shown to the local EMS group for feedback.
- o EMA conference in March is likely too soon to prepare.

Upcoming Conferences & Education 2026

Date	Sponsoring Organization	Title	Location	Web Links	Cost
2/3-6	American Heart Association	International Stroke Conference	New Orleans	https://professional.heart.org/en/meetings/international-stroke-conference	
5/13- 5/14	Cooper	10th Annual Neuroscience Symposium	Deptford, NJ		
OCTOBER 21-23, 2026	WSO	World Stroke Congress	SEOUL, KOREA	https://www.world-stroke.org/what-we-do/uniting-the-stroke-community/world-stroke-congress	
11/11-14	Association of Neurovascular Clinicians	2026 ANVC Annual Conference	Sun Valley Resort Sun Valley, Idaho	2026 ANVC Annual Conference Association of Neurovascular Clinicians	
11/16-11/21	NCEMS	National Conference on EMS	Harrah's Atlantic City Atlantic City, NJ	2026 NCEMS – National Conference on EMS	
Mar 18-20	NJENA	Emergency Care Conference 2026	Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City		
Mar 21-24	American Academy of Neuroscience Nurses	AANN Annual Conference: <i>Uniting Expertise, Elevating Care</i>	Dallas, TX	AANN Advances in Stroke Care Conference AANN	

- EMS Conference in Atlantic City would be a good opportunity for NJSCC to hold a table

1:00pm

Meeting Ended

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