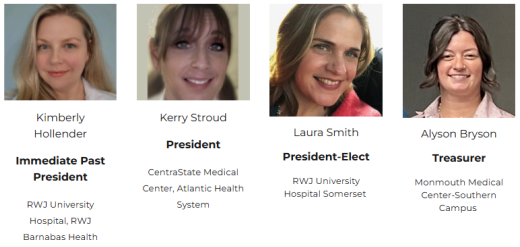
New Jersey Stroke Coordinator's Consortium Meeting

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 Indroduction 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	**Opening Remarks by Kerry Stroud Present for 2026-2027**
	• Treasurer Report is	**Alyson Bryson**
11:10- 11:50 NJ Stroke Care Advisory Panel (SCAP) Update Pre-Hospital Triage recommendations	**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.	**Dr. Halperin/ Kirsten Posselt**

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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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12:10-12:20
American Heart Association Updates
	- Jeremy discussed recurrent stroke risk reduction by testing for clopidogrel non-responders (30% of population)
	- Genomadix technology tests for presence of CYP2C19 LOF alleles in target patient
	  o Patients with presence of CYP2C19 LOF alleles should be switched to ticagrelor + aspirin instead of conventional DAPT
	  o Testing for such alleles is recommended in the acute stroke phase
	- Genomadix cube provides results of CYP2C19 LOF alleles within 1 hour using 3 cheek swabs
	  o Tests are typically run in the hospital lab as opposed to POC
	  o FDA approved
	- Potential to help optimize antiplatelet efficiency beyond stroke
	  o Applies for any circumstance in which DAPT is considered (coronary interventions)
	- Potential reduction in hospital readmissions due to medication non-respondence
	
	Melissa Falvo
	- MedStar? Health system has adopted this technology
	- Melissa to send out 1 pager with cost effectiveness data and readmission data
	
	American Heart Association GWTG-Stroke
	- Casey introduced as Head, Guidelines Program Consultant for New Jersey; available for questions and outlier/award review.
	- Finalize 2025 cases and outliers by March 31, 2026; email when complete to receive preliminary recognition decision.
	- December 2025 release left ICH CCTK layer validation issue unresolved; pro coagulant/reversal agent initiation documentation still not enforced; full release notes in Get With The Guidelines library.
	- Recording available for 'Mastering Joy's Commission to the Measure Algorithms' webinar; IRB approval obtained for analysis of National Geographic Guidelines data; support offered for local IRBs, data access, and poster/display opportunities.
	- Global Quality Showcase on Wednesday February 4 (evening) requires pre registration; Get With The Guidelines Quality Achievement Awards Dinner for 2025 awards (based on 2024 calendar data) requires pre registration; prior webinars (Telestroke, door to puncture/door out) recorded (may prompt registration).
	● Deadline for GWTG data submission is 3/31/2026
		Casey Chu
		
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12:20-12:35 Certification Review Visits/Discussion board questions	● 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 **Certification Review Visits** Certification Review Visits **Date: January 13-14,2026** **Stroke coordinator presenting: Shirley Hartley** **Hospital:University Hospital**	**Shirley Hartley**

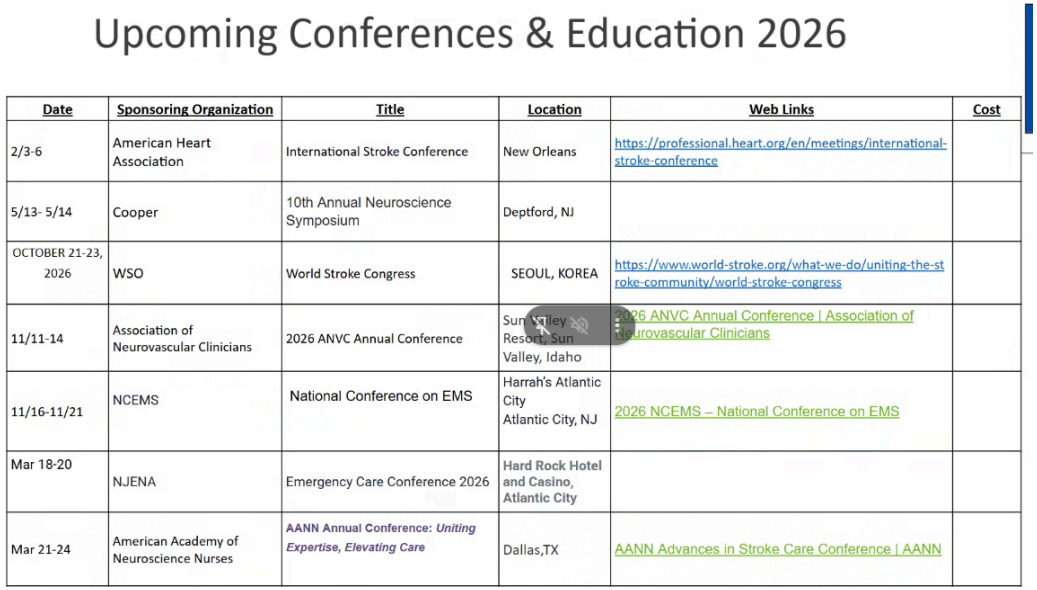
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12:35-12:45 Discussion board questions	- RFIs o Patient with G-tube had oral medications ordered o Levophed given without an order and not scanned into the MAR o Stroke order sets not being used, lacking blood pressure parameters and assessment orders (dressing site change, clamping, etc.) o Missing EVD management orders and assessment documentation o Code stroke during the survey – RN who gave contrast during the CTA did not have a radiation badge on? o Pre/post.-procedure pulse check assessment not complete (asked for all pulse sites) **Discussion Questions** - Providing feedback to ED and treatment teams o Some sites sending email with de-identified patients ▪ Difficult to tell if emails are being read, especially by frontline staff on work emails o Many have found that just including leadership does not trickle down to primary teams o Alyson utilizes epic chat to provide feedback on treatments and quality measures o Kerry follows up in real time with ED team o Kim looking at developing epic in-basket message to allow for more formatting than Epic chat	**Kerry Stroud, Alyson Bryson, Kim Hollender, Gayle Walker-Cilo**
12:45-13:00 Upcoming Conferences and Educational Programs ANVC Certification Course interest		**Kerry Stroud**

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Education, conferences & outreach

- Leverage an external group to present a COH case at the EMS conference.
- Create a paper form summarizing COH information for each site.
- Morgan's PowerPoint is nearly complete and will be shown to the local EMS group for feedback.
- 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: *Uniting Expertise, Elevating Care*	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	**Kerry Stroud**

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