

Saturday, May 2, 2009

STROKE *2nd Scientific Meeting of the StrokeCareNow Network*

Symposium Objectives:

- 1. Review the stand of care and future developments of stroke therapy.*
- 2. Illustrate the technology and evidence behind catheter-based stroke therapies.*
- 3. Identify the importance of regional stroke networks in the care of acute stroke patients.*
- 4. Discuss the role of perfusion imaging.*
- 5. Review current techniques in the treatment of cerebrovascular disease.*

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STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

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**May/June
2009 NEWSLETTER**



STOP Stroke



Act F.A.S.T.



Spread HOPE

**MAY IS
NATIONAL STROKE
AWARENESS MONTH**

The goal of the annual campaign is to raise public awareness about the continuum of stroke by managing risk factors to reduce stroke risk, better understanding symptom recognition and response and improving the quality of life recovery for the 6 million stroke survivors in the United States.

This year, we're focusing on all three of these important areas:

- **STOP Stroke** through risk factor management.
- **Act FAST** to increase recognition of and response to stroke Symptoms.
- **Spread HOPE** about recovery from stroke.

About The StrokeCareNow Network:

The stroke network is designed to electronically link community hospitals throughout the region with Parkview and Lutheran hospitals in Fort Wayne. Specialists would be equipped to view stroke patient images and other data. If necessary, a helicopter would be sent to the outlying hospital to bring the patient to Fort Wayne for advanced treatment.

The idea is expected to help save lives by treating stroke patients more quickly and giving smaller hospitals in the area access to more advanced care.

If you think someone may be having a stroke, act F.A.S.T. and do this simple test:

ACT F.A.S.T.

FACE

ASK THE PERSON TO SMILE.

DOES ONE SIDE OF THE FACE DROOP?

ARMS

ASK THE PERSON TO RAISE BOTH ARMS.

DOES ONE ARM DRIFT DOWNWARD?

SPEECH

ASK THE PERSON TO REPEAT A SIMPLE SENTENCE.

ARE THE WORDS SLURRED? CAN HE/SHE REPEAT THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY?

TIME

IF THE PERSON SHOWS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, TIME IS IMPORTANT.

CALL 911 OR GET TO THE HOSPITAL FAST. BRAIN CELLS ARE DYING.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR – March/April 2009

Saturday, May 2	StrokeCareNow Network presents: STROKE at the Grand Wayne Center from 7:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Please contact Warren Wilhelm or Cathy Ballou at (260) 373-4430 or cathy.ballou@parkview.com for further information & registration. *No meeting at RHFV in May
Tuesday, June 2	<u>Stroke Support Group Meeting:</u> 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, Special Functions Room 2. Speaker: Heidi Adair, Attorney – speaking on Elder Law as it relates to our current society
Tuesday, June 16	Newsletter Folding at 1p.m. in the Board Room of the Rehab Hospital of Fort Wayne

Directions

The Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne is located on the Lutheran Hospital Campus. Enter the campus off U.S. 24/ Jefferson Boulevard. As soon as you come into the campus, make your first right. The second building on your right is the Rehabilitation Hospital. Park near the southeast side entrance. Enter from the long overhang to Special Functions Room 2.

If you would enter through the front lobby there will be signs directing you but the walk will be long from this direction.

Please contact Julie Wolfe at 435-6136 for further information.



If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please call Cheri Umphrey at (260) 435-6105 or send an email to cumphrey@lutheran-hosp.com

What is elder law?

Elder Law is a specialized field of law that deals with the issues faced by the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population, the elderly. This area of law combines elements of Estate Planning, Wills and Trusts, Conservatorship (also called Guardianship), Health Care Planning, Medicare/Medicaid Planning, and Elder Rights.

Please join us Tuesday, June 2nd to learn more!