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Vidant Medical Center Stroke Program Response to COVID-19

Vidant Health's Community Response

- Rapidly developed large scale testing capability (offered daily, results within 24 hours)
- Community Testing Initiative First health system to partner with DHHS
- COVID-19 Community Research Partnership with Wake Forest Baptist and Atrium Health



Vidant Medical Center COVID Registry

• The AHA created a quality improvement registry through GWTG • Focus on cardiovascular outcomes in hospitalized COVID-19 patients

• Registry focuses on real-time data from acute care hospitals

• Vidant Medical Center 1 of 148 hospitals in nation participating

Data abstracted by Stroke Program Quality Nurse Specialist



Stroke Team Response to COVID-19

•All patients treated as if +COVID

Limited attendees to code strokes

- Neurologist
- Emergency Room Attending/Resident
- Emergency Room Trauma Nurse
- Clustered interventions and evaluation
 - All Stroke Team responders donned N95/PAPR and face shield



CT Response to COVID-19

- Negative Pressure CT room was utilized for all Code Strokes
 - Added door to ante room that was kept sealed during imaging to prevent outside exposure
- All staff donned N95 or PAPR hood for all cases
- Rooms cleaned between each patient, only shut down for terminal cleaning if aerosolizing procedure (i.e. intubation, ventilator circuit disconnect, etc.) was performed in the room



VIR Response to COVID-19

- Negative pressure room was utilized for all stroke cases
- N95/PAPR and face shields were worn throughout procedures and during transport
- Installed additional ventilation system and new door to create an ante room outside the procedure room
- Added a tech assistant on-call at night to aid in gathering supplies to prevent staff departure from procedure rooms
- Patients went directly to interventional suite and then were taken directly to their admission room
- After the procedure, rooms were unoccupied for the designated length of time per CDC guidelines and cleaned



Stroke Community Support

Messaging

<u>https://www.vidanthealth.com/COVID-19-Updates/COVID-19-News</u>

- Stroke Support Network
 - Transitioned virtually via Zoom
 - All stroke survivors/caregivers were notified by mail with directions on "how to go virtual"
 - Topics: (2) connection meetings, (1) Benefits of exercise during the pandemic, (1) adaptive therapies
 - Created a private face book group as well to further connect with other

