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## Stroke Coordinators' Meeting May 28, 2025 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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### I. Welcome

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### II. Join the Stroke Advisory Council:

- Quarterly meetings, work groups, monthly email Updates, website [startwithyourheart.com](https://startwithyourheart.com), [Stroke System of Care](#)

- **2025 SAC Meetings:**

- **September 5 in person in Chapel Hill; Stroke Coordinators will meet in the morning: mark your calendars and save the date!**

Reminder: Erin Lewis and Michelle Bradley shared that UNC Health will host the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting in person at their offices in Morrisville which is just off I-40 and has plenty of free parking. The stroke coordinators will meet in the morning, have lunch, and the SAC meeting will happen in the afternoon. The meeting will feature a panel of UNC researchers discussing their various projects. (The UNC stroke consortium will meet early prior to the SC meeting.) Erin added that while we won't get to tour the hospital, we'll see a video of the new tower. Registration link coming soon.

Possible topics for the gathering of Stroke Coordinators:

- Hypertension reduction strategies
- AHA's ICH initiative
- Community Resources for Stroke Survivors

Draft Agenda for the Day

8-10:15 UNC Stroke Consortium

10:30-12:30 Stroke Coordinator Meeting

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:30 SAC Meeting

- **November 12. Virtual 1-2:30 PM**
- May 22nd SAC meeting honored **Stroke Awareness Month and Mental Health Awareness Month**, and we also heard about Constellation Health's Quality Collaborative and programs. Thanks for the updates to the stroke support group listing. It is posted on the SC page and with the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting proceedings. See [startwithyourheart.com](https://startwithyourheart.com) where slides, recording, and minutes are posted.

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### III. Business:

- Ask your health system to sign on in support of **T21, Solly's Law**, to **raise the age for tobacco sales to 21** to comply with federal law. Sign the resolution: <https://www.ncallianceforhealth.org/tobacco-21-resolution/>
  - For our April meeting we held an open Q&A; had lively discussions about documenting transfers, dysphagia screening, AI documentation, and tiered dosing with TNK; and we talked about planned Stroke Awareness Month activities. See notes from last month's meeting for details.
  - **Please send your staff changes to Anna Bess.**
  - **Next meeting: June 25, 2025 from 2-3 pm. Mental Health & Depression Screening; Q&A.** No meeting in July. Decide later about August. Please contact Anna Bess if you need the meeting series invitation.
  - **Media Campaign** funding will become available July 1<sup>st</sup>. We've met with the creative team.
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- All SC meeting slides, notes, and recordings are posted on our website. Follow this [LINK](#).

**Action Items:** Send stroke certification updates to Susan Rogers at [susan.rogers@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:susan.rogers@dhhs.nc.gov). List of stroke-certified hospitals: <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ahc/listings.html> Click on “Designated Stroke Centers.” Hospitals designated as a Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital shall notify the Office of Emergency Medical Services of the following information within 90 days of certification:

- (1) the name of the accrediting organization issuing certification to the hospital;
- (2) the date of certification;
- (3) the level of certification (Primary, Comprehensive or Acute Stroke Ready);
- (4) the date of renewal of the certification; and
- (5) the name and phone number of the primary contact person at the hospital who is responsible for obtaining the certification.

- Email Anna Bess Brown at [anna.brown@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:anna.brown@dhhs.nc.gov) if you'd like to help plan future Stroke Coordinator Meetings. Thank you!

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#### IV. Coverdell Stroke Program grant awards-Terri Moore, Coverdell Stroke Program Coordinator

Awardees:

- ▶ Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Hospital
- ▶ Moose Pharmacy
- ▶ UNC Chapel Hill
- ▶ UNC Rex

**Erika's Stroke & Mental Health Awareness Playlist: “Mental Health Matters NHHNRM” on Spotify**

**MAP Stroke Project presented by Staci Smith with FirstHealth and Robin Jones, formerly with Mission HCA**  
(See slides.)

Q: Are you including freestanding ED's that provide TNK and transfer?

A: Yes.

Q: Where does the list go? Is it a public list for anyone to find contact info?

A: The list will go to the PI in Oklahoma. No; the list will not be public.

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#### Awardees: Topics for Future Meetings:

- Optimist Main (low frequency vital sign/neuro check monitoring)
  - Community Assessments
  - Disparities/Gaps in Care
  - EMS Education - cost effective, efficient
  - Stroke Support Groups including activities that SSG do to engage their stroke survivors and caregivers (important) and ideas for more large-scale advertising
  - Improvements for Door In - Door Out Times
  - Success with low DIDO times for LVO patients - especially in rural hospitals
  - Strategies for increasing numbers of Stroke Patients coming to the hospital via EMS, reducing privately owned vehicle (POV) arrivals including impact on hospital triage practices
  - Stroke Response Team: Successes and Lessons Learned
  - Improving Neuro Assessment Completion
  - Best Practices in transitional care after discharge
  - Community Resources
  - Funding & tracking success of programs to provide BP cuffs
  - Stroke System of Care in NC (and compare to other states)
  - Community Paramedicine- utilizing, best practices, connecting
  - Use of a QR code to share data with EMS or any other outside (of your facility) group. Other data sharing methods.
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