

Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force

Quarterly Meeting (Virtual)

January 14, 2022

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Introductions

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Agenda

▶ **Agenda: 10:00AM: VSSTF Business**

- ▶ Pankaja Ramakrishnan, MD | Riverside Regional Medical Center and
- ▶ Chad Aldridge, PT, DPT, MS-CR, NCS | UVA Medical Center

▶ **10:15AM: Panel Presentations - Intersection of Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke: PFO Closure, Linq, Brilinta**

- ▶ Dr. Matthew Chung, Dr. James Garnett, and Victoria Collins | WL Gore and Associates (PFO Closure)
- ▶ Dr. John Venditto, AstraZeneca US Medical Head Cardiovascular & Thrombosis - Cynthia Piques | AstraZeneca (Brilinta)
- ▶ Patrick Cunningham | Medtronic (Linq)

▶ **11:20AM: Accelerating Access to Mechanical Thrombectomy with Public Health Tools: In Your Community and Globally**

- ▶ Dileep R. Yavagal, MD, MBBS, FSVIN, FAAN, FAHA | Professor of Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery, Director Interventional Neurology, Co-director Endovascular Neurosurgery, Director Neurological Stem Cell Platform, Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute | University of Miami & Jackson Memorial Hospitals

▶ **11:50AM: CDC Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Program Updates**

- ▶ Patrick Wiggins, MPH | Virginia Department of Health
- ▶ Kathryn Funk, AGACNP-BC | Virginia Department of Health

▶ **12:00PM-1:00PM: Virginia Stroke Coordinators Consortium Meeting** (*Contact Kimberly Pinna and Laurie Mayer for more information*)



VSSTF Business

VSSTF Co-Chairs: Pankajavalli Ramakrishnan, MD, Riverside Regional Medical Center and Chad Aldridge, PT, DPT, MS-CR, NCS, UVA Medical Center

- ▶ **Next Meeting Date:** April 15, 2022
- ▶ Nominations for 2022
- ▶ Stroke Smart Virginia Updates (Alan Stillman)

Nominations for 2022

▶ Open Position:

▶ VSSTF Co-Chair

- ▶ Two year term
- ▶ Elected by VSSTF voting members

Roles and Responsibilities:

- The VSSTF Co-Chair shall provide strategic direction and leadership for the VSSTF.
- The VSSTF Co-Chair must attend and facilitate VSSTF quarterly meetings.
- The VSSTF Co-Chair shall collaborate with the other VSSTF Co-Chair, VSCC Co-Chairs, VDH representative, and other members of the VSSTF planning team to ensure proper planning of meetings (Bi-weekly/monthly conference calls), represent interests of VSSTF members, triage member correspondences for streamlined communication, and facilitate the nomination process.

New Co-Chair Nomination Requirements

- ▶ **NEW REQUIREMENTS:** (1) Licensed physician, nurse, or any professional / allied health professional with experience and expertise in stroke care. The physician can be a neurologist, emergency physician or another specialist, but must have experience and expertise in diagnosing and treating cerebrovascular disease. The nurse can be a stroke coordinator or member of a hospital's acute stroke team. The professional / allied health professional can include the following, but is not limited to, an EMT/Paramedic, physical therapist, or speech language pathologist. (2) Must actively participate in VSSTF quarterly meetings.
- ▶ **Note:** Between the two VSSTF Co-Chairs, one VSSTF Co-Chair must be a physician or nurse. If the outgoing Co-Chair is a physician or nurse and the other Co-Chair is not a physician or nurse, then the eligibility requirement holds that only a physician or nurse can be nominated. If both Co-Chairs are physicians or nurses, or the outgoing Co-Chair is not a physician or nurse, then the expanded eligibility requirements go into effect.

Timeline for Nominations

- ▶ Nomination REDCap survey will be sent the week of **January 24, 2022**. Deadline to nominate is February 21, 2022. Any VSSTF member can nominate!
- ▶ Voting members will elect the new VSSTF Co-Chair from the list of eligible nominees.
- ▶ New VSSTF Co-Chair will be announced at the April 15, 2022 meeting.

Stroke Smart Virginia Proclamation



WHEREAS, businesses, civic organizations, senior communities, faith-based organizations, and residents are encouraged to participate and contribute to the Stroke Smart: Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life campaign through active citizenship efforts; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to educate everyone in the Commonwealth of Virginia about stroke recognition and the importance of dialing 911 immediately, which will reduce the onset of stroke-to-911 interval to be measured by EMS and local hospital systems; and

WHEREAS, Virginia hopes to serve as a model for other communities, cities, counties, commonwealths, states, and the nation, thereby advancing the vision of a Stroke Smart America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do proclaim the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA** a **STROKE SMART COMMONWEALTH**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Ralph S. Northam
Governor

Kelly Thomas
Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Governor Northam Call to Action Video



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- ▶ **TREATMENT:** Within the Stroke Belt, ONLY 3.8% of patients received tPA (564,000 Ischemic over seven years).¹
- ▶ **DELAYED ARRIVAL:** Up to 75% of patients arrive after the tPA window closed.¹
- ▶ **GOLDEN HOUR:** In Norway, 73 patients receive tPA in the Golden Hour. All 100% have NIHSS of 0 at discharge.²

¹ <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/02/170223092338.htm>

² [The golden hour of acute ischemic stroke \(biomedcentral.com\)](#)

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Stroke Smart Virginia

YOU are invited to join Stroke Smart VA Working Group!

- ▶ Community Education Focus
- ▶ Stroke Sign Recognition
- ▶ Need to call 911

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