

# Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force

Quarterly Meeting (Virtual)

January 15, 2021

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)
  - ▶ Patrick Cunningham | Medtronic (Linq)
  - ▶ Cynthia Piques | AstraZeneca (Brilinta)
- ▶ **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 16, 2021 (Plans for virtual again)
- ▶ New Co-Chair Nomination Requirements
- ▶ New Co-Chair and Voting Member

# New Co-Chair Nomination Requirements

- ▶ **PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS:** (1) Licensed physician or nurse. 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. (2) Must actively participate in VSSTF quarterly meetings.

# 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.

# New Co-Chair (Starting April 16, 2021)



**Congratulations to Chad Aldridge!**

**Chad Aldridge, PT, DPT, MS-CR, NCS**

Clinical Specialist of Neurologic Physical Therapy,  
Therapy Services Department

University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, VA

- ▶ Chad is a neurologic clinical specialist in physical therapy at UVA Medical Center since 2012. He received my Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Old Dominion University in 2012. Recently, Chad completed a Master of Clinical Research at the University of Virginia in 2020. At UVA Medical Center Chad divides his time between clinical care and research. He has the pleasure of working with stroke survivors and their loved ones in the hospital setting. Outside of this role, Chad has been with the VSSTF since 2014 and enjoys doing community outreach for stroke education. He hopes to help continue the VSSTF's positive impact on the system of stroke care in Virginia.
- ▶ Welcome, Chad!



# New Voting Member (Effective Immediately)



Representing: Eastern Region Neurologist /  
Neurointerventionalist

▶ **Wolfgang Leesch, MD**

Riverside Neurovascular Specialists, Newport News, VA

# New Voting Member (Effective Immediately)



## Representing: Emergency Care Nurse

▶ **Bridget Hutchinson, RN, MSN, CPEN**

Nurse Clinician, Pediatric Emergency Department &  
Virginia Poison Center

# New Voting Member (Effective Immediately)



## Representing: Small Rural Hospitals

- ▶ Chris York MBA, BSN, RN  
Nurse Manager, New Kent Emergency Department