

Minnesota Stroke Partnership Bulletin

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The MSP Bulletin is distributed to all members of the Minnesota Stroke Partnership (MSP). The MSP is a statewide coalition representing individuals and organizations interested in the prevention and treatment of stroke in Minnesota. Membership is free and open to anyone interested in the promotion of stroke awareness, prevention and treatment. This monthly newsletter provides updates on activities of the MSP and announcements about upcoming events. Information on how to subscribe and unsubscribe to this list is included at the end of this message.

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1. Welcome

Greetings! This is the first issue of the "Minnesota Stroke Partnership Bulletin" newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is simple – to keep you updated on what is happening with the Minnesota Stroke Partnership. The Bulletin will be intentionally bare-bones. We'll provide brief updates of Partnership activities and announcements for upcoming stroke-related events and meetings.

You are receiving this inaugural Bulletin because you serve on one of the MSP committees or task forces. However, anyone can receive this free newsletter, so spread the word: forward this message to your colleagues and ask them to email me in order to receive the Bulletin. In addition, let them know that they too can join the Partnership. To find out more, visit the Minnesota Stroke Partnership website at www.health.state.mn.us/strokecommittee.

Finally, to include information in the Bulletin, please email me at albert.tsai@health.state.mn.us before the end of every month. I will NOT be actively soliciting announcements, so it's up to YOU to send me announcements and events that you want to include.

Thanks!

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2. MSP Project Update: Emergency Department Resources Project

The aim of this project is to provide resources to and educate emergency department staff around the state on stroke. Recruitment is underway for the task force charged with implementing this project. This group will convene in mid-January 2007. For more information, contact Tess Sierzant, HealthEast Neuroscience Institute, at (651) 326-3415.

3. MSP Project Update: EMS Training Project

The EMS Stroke Task Force, charged with implementing this project, will develop the materials and plan for training pre-hospital emergency care providers on stroke. Planning the next phase of this project is still in progress. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project! For more information, contact Albert Tsai at (651) 201-5413.

4. Announcements

Research Study Participants Wanted: Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN is seeking stroke survivors and their partners to participate in a research study exploring post-stroke sexual adjustment. The study is supported by the Sr. Kenny Rehabilitation Institute Foundation. For more information, call (612) 863-5362.

Global Research Study. Questionnaire survey of ischemic stroke survivors and care partners; must be 6 months to 3 years post-stroke. Must reply by November 22. Call Minnesota Stroke Association at (763) 553-0088 for more information.

5. Calendar

* November 15: East Metro Stroke Education Series: Emotional Changes after Stroke. Sponsored by Minnesota Stroke Association, HealthEast Neurovascular Institute and United Hospital Nasseff Neuroscience Institute. (763) 553-0088 for pre-registration and information.

* November 28, 1 pm CST - Roundtable Chat: NIH Stroke Scale: The 5 W's, Challenges & Solutions (who, what, when, where & why). Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network and the National Stroke Association. Speaker: Judith Spilker, RN, VP Clinical Programs, NSA, Research Director, University of Cincinnati. Contact: GLRSN Quality Improvement Coordinator, gulam@uic.edu

* November 29, 9-11 am CST – Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network Data Exchange Conference Call. Register by contacting Amul at atevar1@uic.edu.

* December 5-7 – 2006 Regional Nurses and Stroke Team Meeting, National Stroke Association, Chicago, IL. Information: <http://www.stroke.org>

* December 19 – Minnesota Stroke Partnership Steering Committee meeting, 3-5 pm. Snelling Office Park, St. Paul, MN.

* February 7-9, 2007 – International Stroke Conference, American Stroke Association. San Francisco, CA. Information: <http://strokeassociation.org>

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