

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
NURSING POLICIES
STROKE-Code Stroke Log**

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SCOPE:

The Emergency Department and multiple other units of Hackettstown Regional Medical Center

PURPOSE:

To maintain a Code Stroke log in order to document the Stroke Teams response as well as diagnoses, treatments and outcomes

POLICY

HRMC complies with the NJDOH Stroke Center requirements by maintaining a log of all potential stroke patients and Code Strokes

PROCEDURE

I. Emergency Department:

- A. When a Code Stroke is called the ED secretary will initiate the ED Stroke Times Log, filling out all required fields
 1. Date
 2. Patient label
 3. Time of Stroke activation
 4. Time Teleneurology called
 5. Time ED physician in room
 6. Time papers faxed
 7. CT results
 8. Time Teleneurology responded
 9. Comments
- B. The Stroke Program Coordinator will check this log and generate a concurrent assessment of the patient as well as ongoing follow up by placing this patient in the Coordinators Stroke Log.
- C. This log will guide the evaluation of the ED's performance times and assist in the data collection for the New jersey Acute Stroke Registry

II. All other Hospital units:

- A. When calling a Code Stroke, a review sheet is completed and sent to the Nursing Performance improvement who will notify the Stroke Program Coordinator
- B. Any patients admitted with the following diagnosis will be assessed and reviewed for the Stroke log: CVA, TIA, acute change in mental status, syncope, difficulty speaking, headache, dizziness or blurred vision, trouble walking/loss of balance, or numbness or weakness of face, arms or leg

REFERENCES:

NJ DOH. http://www.state.nj.us/health/healthcarequality/stroke/acute_registry.shtml

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Appendix I: ED Stroke Times Log

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ED Stroke Times Log								
Date	Patient Label	Stroke Activation	TeleNeuro Called	ER MD in Room	Papers Faxed	CT Resulted	TeleNeuro Responds	Comment