

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
STROKE-PRIMARY STROKE CENTER PHYSICIAN/STAFF EDUCATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS**

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SCOPE

All hospital departments as well as physicians who treat patients with stroke

PURPOSE

To outline the educational requirements for physicians and staff that treat patients with stroke or stroke-like symptoms

DEFINITIONS

CME: Continuing Medical Education

CEU: Continuing Education Units

POLICY

I. Educational requirements for the HRMC Stroke Team and clinicians are set according to the State of New Jersey standards for primary stroke centers.

II. The members of the HRMC Stroke Team and the clinicians that care for patients with acute stroke are required to obtain annual continuing education related to stroke and stroke-like conditions.

III. The following are the recommended qualifications/educational requirements:

A. Primary Stroke Center Medical Director shall meet two of the following:

1. Completion of a stroke fellowship
2. Participation (as an attendee or faculty) in at least two regional, national or international stroke courses or conferences each year
3. Authorship of five or more peer-reviewed publications on stroke and/or
4. Eight or more CME credits each year in the area of cerebrovascular disease.

B. Stroke Team Physician (ED/Hospitalist/APN) shall meet one of the following:

1. Completion of a stroke fellowship
2. Participation (as an attendee or faculty) in at least two regional, national or international stroke courses or conferences each year
3. Authorship of five or more peer-reviewed publications on stroke and/or
4. Eight or more CME credits each year in the area of cerebrovascular disease.

C. Stroke Team Registered Nurses (ED/Critical Care)

1. Completion of a minimum of eight (8) hours of continuing education specifically related to cerebrovascular disease.

D. Other staff

1. For staff other than Stroke Team members, but are regularly assigned to the care of the acute stroke patient (i.e., CNA), a minimum of four CME credits or four CEU or four hours of training each year in the area of cerebrovascular disease are required.

REFERENCES:

New Jersey Administrative Code. 8:43G-7A.1-7A.5 (2014) Stoke Centers. Primary Stroke Center. Accessed 12/12/14. <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode>