



February 2009 Update

There is no meeting in February 2009
The following provides a general update on the Colorado Stroke Alliance

Meeting schedule

- CSA business and mentor meeting schedules are available on www.coloradostroke.org
- In-person meetings will occur every other month
- Updates will be posted on www.coloradostroke.org on months when in-person meetings are not scheduled
- Starting January 2009, CSA monthly and mentor meetings will occur at the American Heart Association building on South Parker Road in Denver.
 - 3rd Friday of the meeting month
 - 730 AM – 900 AM CSA Business meeting
 - 915 AM – 1015 AM CSA Mentor meeting

CSA Grants – (1) new grants, (2) continuation application, (3) quarterly progress report

1. New RFA – new CSA grant

- Amendment 35 request for application (RFA) has been announced
- CSA submitted a 3 year grant that will focus on:
 - EMS Education
 - Community awareness
 - Hospital transfer policy
- Grant was submitted January 2009
- This is a new grant that will be in addition to the current CSA grant
- CSA collaborating with several partners including CFMC, AHA/ASA, CDPHE, CDPHE EMS, CHA, AHEC, CNI
- CSA should know status of the grant by the end of April 2009

2. CSA Continuation application – Current CSA funding

- CSA submitted a continuation application for CSA funding July 09 – June 2010
 - CSA re-applies annually for funding to be continued
- This is the current Amendment 35 grant that supports CSA daily operations
- This was submitted in January 2009
- CSA should know status of the grant by the end of April 2009

3. CDPHE Quarterly Progress Report – Current CSA funding

- CSA completed CDPHE progress report
- This report is for the current Amendment 35 grant that supports CSA daily operations
- This was submitted in January 2009

Site visits

- Site visits are being scheduled. 1 visit per CSA hospital per year.
- Topics reviewed include: review trend reports, review any questions on GWTG-Stroke program, CSA updates
- Hospitals that are interested in one-on-one sessions specific to GWTG-Stroke program should contact Amy Enterline (AHA/GWTG)

CSA & AHA personnel update

- 2009 CSA officers:
Chair: Pam Elser, Boulder Community Hospital, Boulder CO
Vice Chair: Mike Vislosky, St Mary Corwin in Pueblo, CO
Secretary: Katie Leonard, Swedish Medical Center, Englewood, CO
- AHA QI Director for Colorado
Mary Paulsen will be filling in until a replacement is hired by AHA

CSA Educational Venues

- Lunch & learn – events for 2009 being planned
- 2009 CSA Summit: A summit event is being planned for April 2009 in Grand Junction. Updates to follow

CSA data

- CSA and UCH Biostatistics department conducting analysis and exploring a data mortality model. Updates to follow.
- Data committee formed; chairpersons selected. Updates on the CSA data committee can be found at www.coloradostroke.org
- It was suggested that CSA craft documents for all CSA sites so that CSA and CSA hospital data can be explored and potentially published.
- It was suggested that CSA consider forming relationships with Institutional Review Boards (IRB) as CSA progress with data related projects.

Rehabilitation committee

- Neuro therapy education course being developed.
- CSA and Co Neurosciences Network, Regis University, collaborating on “train the trainer” program
- Focus of delivery is rural communities
 - Resources may assist community to appropriately care for neurological patients
 - Increase awareness of neurological need in those communities
 - Regis university supporting program development
 - Anatomy & Physiology
 - Neurological sequelae content
- Pilot program for A&P section has been completed. Content being edited. Second section being drafted with target of Aug/Sept to do pilot educational presentation.

EMS Task force

- EMS Task force has been combined with the AHA Mission Lifeline program

Mentor meeting

- There is no CSA mentor meeting in February 2009
- Next mentor meeting will be on Friday, March 20, 2009
- Please check www.coloradostroke.org for details.

CSA Rural Mentor meeting

- The next rural mentor meeting will be combined with the larger CSA mentor meeting on Friday, March 20, 2009
- Please check www.coloradostroke.org for details.

CSA publications

The manuscript *The Implementation of an Innovative Statewide Quality Improvement Initiative* will be appearing in a future issue of the Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (the publication produced by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses). This is an overview manuscript that describes how CSA and the stroke registry were implemented in Colorado.

The manuscript, *Gender Differences in the Colorado Stroke Registry*, will be appearing in a future issue of Stroke (published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins). In this manuscript, Dr. Smith conducted an analysis based on the GWTG-Stroke data in Colorado.

Hospital recruitment

- CSA recruitment goals: add 2 hospitals by June 2009
- December 2008: 36 hospitals participating in CSA

CSA sites as of December 2008	
Hospitals	Listed Alphabetically by hospital
Hospitals	Hospitals
Boulder Community Hospital	Penrose St Francis Hospital
Community Hospital	Porter Adventist Hospital
Conejos County Hospital	Poudre Valley Hospital
Denver Health	Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center
Exempla Lutheran Medical Center	Rose Medical Center
Exempla St Joseph's Hospital	San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center
Family Health West	Sky Ridge Medical Center
Haxtun Hospital District	Southeast Colorado Hospital District
Keefe Memorial	Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center
Littleton Adventist Hospital	St Anthony Central Hospital
Medical Center of Aurora	St Mary Corwin Hospital
Medical Center of Rockies	St Mary's Hospital
Melissa Memorial	St Vincent General Hospital
Memorial Hospital	Swedish Medical Center
Mt San Rafael Hospital	The Memorial Hospital
North Colorado Medical Center	University Hospital
North Suburban Medical Center	Wray Community District Hospital
Parkview Medical Center	Yuma Hospital District