



***Educational Opportunities in Acute
Ischemic Stroke Management***

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Key Learning Points

- There are numerous organizations, associations and foundations dedicated to stroke treatment and prevention.
- The educational materials available are designed for the lay public, medical professionals and stroke team members.
- The educational materials for medical professionals are available as organized meetings, web based learning with CME, and published guidelines and policies.
- Emergency physicians have an important role in stroke education.
- All emergency department personnel need to be educated and part of a team to improve stroke patient care.

Clinical Questions

- How do emergency physicians prefer to learn?
- How often do emergency physicians use the various educational materials available?
- Are emergency physicians interested in being educated about stroke?
- Is emergency physician participation in stroke education increasing?
- Do emergency physicians believe that the treatment of stroke has changed in the last 3 years?

Emergency Medicine Opportunities

- Continued collaboration and team development, such as the Brain Attack Coalition, will improve emergency medicine participation and patient care.
- National organizations should continue to recruit the participation and opinion of emergency physicians.
- Emergency medicine organizations should continue to review and update their policy statements in regards to stroke treatment.
- Having an independent group, such as the ACEP Clinical Policies Committee, make a formal, evidence-based, review would aid emergency physician education.
- The research of stroke therapies is growing exponentially, the education of medical personnel, about those therapies that are clinically relevant, also needs to grow exponentially.

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