

## Testimonials

"The network is an **invaluable source of sharing, ideas and networking**. The AHA/ASA appreciates our involvement in each state with our partners, as well as our involvement with the network as a whole. Our goal is to provide resources and science that can assist in improving stroke care across the Great Lakes region, and the GLRSN provides an ideal structure to enhance our outreach." **Lori Hall, Vice President of Heart & Stroke Initiatives, American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association, Greater Midwest**

"National Stroke Association (NSA) has found the GLRSN to be an **important resource**. The network helps provide information on the latest stroke issues, resources and tools. In addition it has provided NSA with **valuable networking and planning opportunities** with state departments of health." **Sharon Januchowski, VP of Community Programs, National Stroke Association**

The Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network has been instrumental in providing information about the burden of stroke regionally. **Communication throughout the region has been strengthened**, which will enhance our ability to share resources, strategies, and expertise. **Dr. Brian Silver and Dr. Phillip Scott, co-chairs of the Michigan Stroke Initiative.**

"The resources, staff and coordination provided by the Network have increased the focus on the burden of stroke in Ohio... **Network staff has provided structure and direction to our initiatives** by locating and disseminating resources and coordinating the educational and surveillance activities both in the region and the individual states..." **Barbara Pryor, RD, LD, MS, Ohio Department of Health**

## More testimonials

"The Network has **brought networking, and educational and technical information to a state which has no funding for stroke prevention programs**. Plans also include a media campaign which would not be possible without the Network funding," **Sue Percifield, RN, MSN, Indiana State Department of Health**

"The GLRSN has **provided impetus for Minnesota to form a state stroke committee** ...planning important training opportunities... implementing systems-level changes in the health care system...to impact stroke. This collaborative effort would not be occurring without the guidance and support - including financial - of the GLRSN." **Albert Tsai, PhD, Minnesota Department of Health**



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## How We Started

Established in 2004 through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the [Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network](#) ("The Network") grew out of more than twenty-five years of collaboration between public health professionals in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. The Network aims to increase stroke awareness, prevention and control activities across the Great Lakes region to reduce the burden of stroke.

No single state or program can provide all the adequate resources needed. However, there is power in numbers that can bring about change. Crossing state lines, sharing knowledge, resources and leadership is a step towards reducing the third leading cause of death.



State Advisory Board Meeting, January 2006.

## Our Mission

The mission of the [Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network](#) is to optimize collaboration and coordination among the Great Lakes Regional states to reduce the burden of stroke and disparities.

## How We Carry Out Our Mission

The [Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network](#) is a regional partnership of state Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Programs, state partners and national organizations as well as state stroke task forces in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.



Sharing Ideas

The Network is comprised of:

State Advisory Board-serves as the Network's decision-making body and is comprised of heart disease and stroke prevention program managers from each state.

Steering Committee- forum for all Network members to share information and best practices related to stroke.

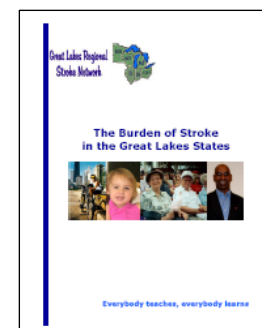
Work Groups- focus on three priorities: epidemiology/surveillance, public education and quality improvement.

State Stroke Task Forces- select and implement Network recommendations in each state.

## Member Benefits

As a member of the Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network, you will receive:

- Regional Burden of Stroke Report
- Evidence-based Guidelines
- Stroke Education Programs List
- Stroke Media Inventory
- Regional Stroke Policy Inventory
- Regional Inventory of Stroke Public Education Initiatives
- Partnering with Professional Sports Manual
- A listserv
- Monthly e-bulletin, "The Wave"



The Burden of Stroke in the Great Lakes States

The [Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network](#) is a valuable source for information on stroke in the Great Lakes region including upcoming events, public education resources, data reports and quality improvement initiatives.

Join us! By partnering with the Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network, we can help you reach local health departments, healthcare professionals, state agencies and many others! *We are the regional resource for stroke information and interventions.* For more information, Contact Angela Hedworth at 312-355-5423 or [hedworth@uic.edu](mailto:hedworth@uic.edu).