

## Testimonials

"The network is an invaluable source of sharing knowledge 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 enhances the stroke system of care across the Great Lakes region." Heather Gavras, Regional VP, State Health Alliance, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, 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

"These kinds of programs are great for getting information in a format that doesn't require you to leave your site--you get a lot of info in a short amount of time and you have the opportunity to ask questions and network. Thanks for sponsoring them!" Participant on Quality of Care Call

## More testimonials

"The Network has brought networking, & educational and technical information to a state which has no funding for stroke prevention programs." Wayne Fischer, MPH, 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

"You have been the most helpful to me and for stroke management. I want to meet you sometime and personally thank you for what you are doing for us neuroscience clinicians...you have just saved me hours of work!" Connie F. Parliament RN, MSN, CNRN, Clinical Program Director of Neuroscience Services

"...I was able to print the summaries, and we are going to review them as a multi-disciplinary group at our next Stroke Committee meeting...thanks so much for the posting and the responses, it helps to know what others are doing! Rebecca, Listserv Member



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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.



Partnership with the National Stroke Association Stroke Team Meeting, December, 2006. Photo provided by the NSA.

## 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.



State Advisory Board, 2008.

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 Network state.

Work Groups- focus on three priorities: evaluation/surveillance, EMS notification and response, and quality of care.

State Stroke Task Forces- Implement Network activities in each state and guide state efforts.

## Member Benefits

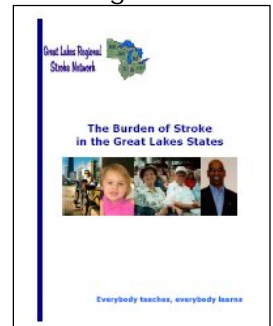
As a member of the Great Lakes Regional Stroke

Network, you will receive:

- Regional Burden of Stroke Report
- Regional Stroke Atlas
- Regional Stroke Plan
- Free CEUs for Quality of Care teleconferences and webcasts
- Stroke education resources
- Listserv Membership
- Opportunity to post questions to stroke healthcare professionals throughout the region
- Monthly e-bulletin, "The Wave"

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).



The Burden of Stroke in the Great Lakes States