



Georgia Paul Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry

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Georgia Division of Public Health (DPH)

Emory University School of Medicine

Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF)

American Stroke Association (ASA)

Georgia Hospital Association (GHA)

Do you have a story, stroke success, or stroke recognition you'd like to share with us? If so, contact:

Kerrie Krompf at kkrompf@emory.edu or 404-616-8741 and your story or achievement will be included in an upcoming newsletter

Newsletter

Hospital Achievements

DeKalb Medical Center

Stroke Month: May was stroke month and DeKalb Medical Center took the FAST teaching tool to the 5th grade classes in a partnering elementary school. DeKalb capitalized on the "are you smarter than a 5th grader" TV show by teaching the students how to recognize the signs and symptoms of stroke and how to react by calling 911. The students took a quiz home to see if their parents were "smarter than a 5th grader". One of DeKalb's teaching tools was a great video designed for this age group which DeKalb was able to purchase from the Mass. Stroke Association. Thanks to BJ Larson-Jones, one of our QI Directors, for helping DeKalb find the video.

Chart Abstraction: DeKalb has had an employee who has been on worker's compensation doing data abstraction. The employee was only allowed to do light duty work, was a nurse on a stroke unit, and did an excellent job abstracting the data. Perhaps there may be an opportunity for others to pursue this idea at their hospitals.

Piedmont Hospital

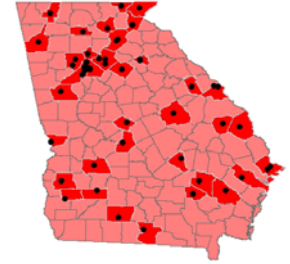
Piedmont Hospital has earned the Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission for Primary Stroke Centers. Piedmont Hospital earned this distinction after the Joint Commission conducted an unannounced on-site review in December 2006.

May Conference Call

Jeffrey Walker, one of our QI consultants, did an excellent job facilitating the May 7th conference call. The topic for May's call was smoking cessation. Nita Cadic from Piedmont Hospital, Cathy Rowell Blosch from Colquitt Regional Medical Center and Linda Lee from the American Cancer Society gave great presentations. Thanks to all of you for your help and support on this important topic. Handouts were sent to our Coverdell Hospital contacts. If you have not received the information, please e mail Kerrie Krompf at kkrompf@emory.edu and she will e mail it to you.

May/June 2007

Coverdell Facility Locations, Year 1 & 2



On May 2, 2007 Piedmont Hospital had a stroke screening at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church and offered nutrition evaluations, and blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol testing.

On May 16, 2007 Amy Perez, RN, Stroke Educator spoke on stroke awareness and offered free blood pressure screenings at Calvin Court, an apartment complex for seniors.

On May 24, 2007 as part of Piedmont Hospital's Davies lecture series, Dr. Doug Stuart, MD discussed stroke care and Senator Don Thomas, MD discussed a state bill for stroke care. Free cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure testing was offered before and after the lecture.

ASLS 2007 Workshop

Our second ASLS workshop was held on Thursday, April 26th. The course was given to a full house and we received positive feedback from all. In addition, everyone who attended took the pre and post test and we are happy to report the entire post test scores improved. Thank you to everyone that attended. We hope you are planning to train the appropriate staff members within your facility.

If you have anything you'd like included in an upcoming newsletter or have achieved recent recognition in the area of stroke, contact: Kerrie Krompf at (kkrompf@emory.edu) or 404-616-8741.

May 22nd Workshop

Our annual "Pursuit of Clinical Excellence," workshop was held on May 22nd and more than 60 people attended. Once again the workshop was filled to capacity. Recognition awards were given out from both the American Heart Association and the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry (GCASR). GCASR gave certificates to those hospitals that achieved an 85 or greater percentage for one quarter on the two indicators that are not included in the "Get with the Guidelines" tool. The two indicators are Stroke Education and Rehabilitation Assessment. Congratulations to the following 5 Coverdell Hospitals on receiving this certificate.

- Grady Health System
- Hamilton Medical Center
- Memorial Health University Medical Center
- Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta
- St. Joseph's Hospital-Savannah

Coverdell Highlights

The following are resources for free booklets on smoking cessation:

- American Heart Association/American Stroke Association
- American Lung Association
- American Cancer Society
- Georgia Tobacco Quit Line

Our next Coverdell conference call is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2007.

Coverdell Q-Tip – (Quality Tip)

Colquitt Regional Medical Center developed a brochure titled “Ten Commandments for Patient Safety” which has been published in the local newspaper as well as given to each patient upon admission. The tenth commandment listed below refers to the hospital’s no smoking policy.

No Smoking Policy: Because it’s well established and accepted that smoking, or any type of tobacco use, is detrimental to your health, we strongly discourage tobacco use in any form or setting. We provide a smoke-free environment as a proactive measure to protect the health of our associates, patients, visitors, volunteers, and other customers. Smoking is not allowed on our campus. If you are a smoker, please let your doctor or our staff know and we will get you a nicotine patch or some other form of medication to assist you with the urge to smoke while you are a patient here at Colquitt Regional Medical Center. We **strongly** suggest that you quit smoking for your health and safety. We’ll assist you with quitting, if desired, or with counseling and pharmaceutical resources while you’re in the hospital. Please let us know if you would like help with quitting.