



Primary Stroke Center certification extended...

There are several important updates from the RHC Systemwide Stroke Team this month – PSC certification extension to 2011, medical leaders changing posts, recertification for the PSCs, and a wrap up from the 3rd Annual PSC Symposium.

On June 21, 2010, the 7 Resurrection Health Care (RHC) hospitals completed their Intracycle Review to maintain Primary Stroke Center (PSC) certification with a disease-specific certification reviewer from The Joint Commission. During this call, RHC successfully demonstrated compliance with the national stroke standards, effective use of established clinical practice guidelines to manage and to optimize care, and excellence with performance measurement and improvement activities. The system and local Stroke Coordinators, physician leaders, clinicians and administrators spoke to developments in the RHC PSCs since the initial certification review in May 2009, and presented clinical outcome data from the last year. Overall, the feedback was positive. The Systemwide Stroke team will continue to develop the acute stroke program, and focus specifically on community outreach efforts.

Beginning with the new fiscal year, RHC will change the posts of the co-program directors of the Systemwide Stroke Team. Dr. Ralph Cabin, Neurologist at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, will relinquish his role to Dr. Hilliard Slavick, Neurologist at Saint Joseph Hospital. Dr. Marc Dorfman, Emergency Services Residency Director at Resurrection Medical Center, will turn over his role to Dr. David Bordo, Emergency Services Director at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center. We appreciate the unwavering dedication to the PSC certification effort that Drs. Cabin and Dorfman have provided.

We look forward to the new medical leadership of the RHC Stroke initiative!



Pictured left to right: David Bordo, MD and Hilliard Slavick, MD. The Systemwide Stroke Team members, including local medical physician stroke champions are listed on the RHC Intranet on the Stroke Team homepage at <https://rhchome/Clinicians/stroke/Pages/TeamMembers.aspx>.

Good news! The Joint Commission is able to remain as the certifying agency for the RHC certified PSCs into another 2-year certification cycle. All of the RHC hospitals will expect their unscheduled on-site review during the summer months of 2011. Data collection and analysis of the clinical outcome measures will continue monthly and Mock Code 54 drills will begin this winter. Results of the clinical measurements may be found on the RHC Intranet Stroke Team homepage at <https://rhchome/Clinicians/stroke/Pages/Guidelines.aspx>.

On May 18, 2010, over 140 clinicians, physicians and administrators gathered at Holy Family Medical Center to participate in an 8 hour continuing education conference. Topics specific to the assessment and treatment of acute stroke were covered, including pharmacology, imaging, discharge planning, the rehabilitation therapies, and neurointerventional services. Keep an eye out for information on the updated HealthStream education modules for 2010. Thank you for the continued support of preventing and treating strokes with proven practices!