

# **Inaugural Meeting of The Northeast Cerebrovascular Consortium: Welcoming Remarks**

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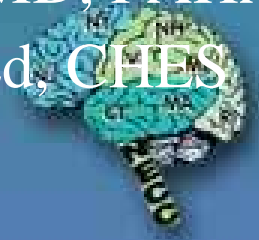
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# Why are we here?

- To improve the care delivered to stroke patients
- To learn from others
- To make the whole healthcare pie bigger rather than fight over the last slice
- To strive for perfection knowing we will fall short along the way



# Policy Recommendations for Systems Approach to Stroke Care

## ASA Policy Recommendations

### Recommendations for the Establishment of Stroke Systems of Care

#### Recommendations From the American Stroke Association's Task Force on the Development of Stroke Systems

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# Objectives

- Define a connected set of core components for a complete delivery system of prevention, care and rehabilitation for stroke
- Develop recommendations for the system's organization and operation
  - Evidence-based
  - Represent expert consensus



# Purpose of a Stroke System of Care

- Stroke system should coordinate and promote public access to the full range of activities and services associated with stroke prevention, treatment and rehabilitation



# Methodology

- Task force of nationally-recognized experts convened
  - Stroke prevention
  - Emergency medical services
  - Acute stroke treatment
  - Rehabilitation
  - Health Policy
- Literature review of 1000+ articles published from Jan '94 - Dec '03





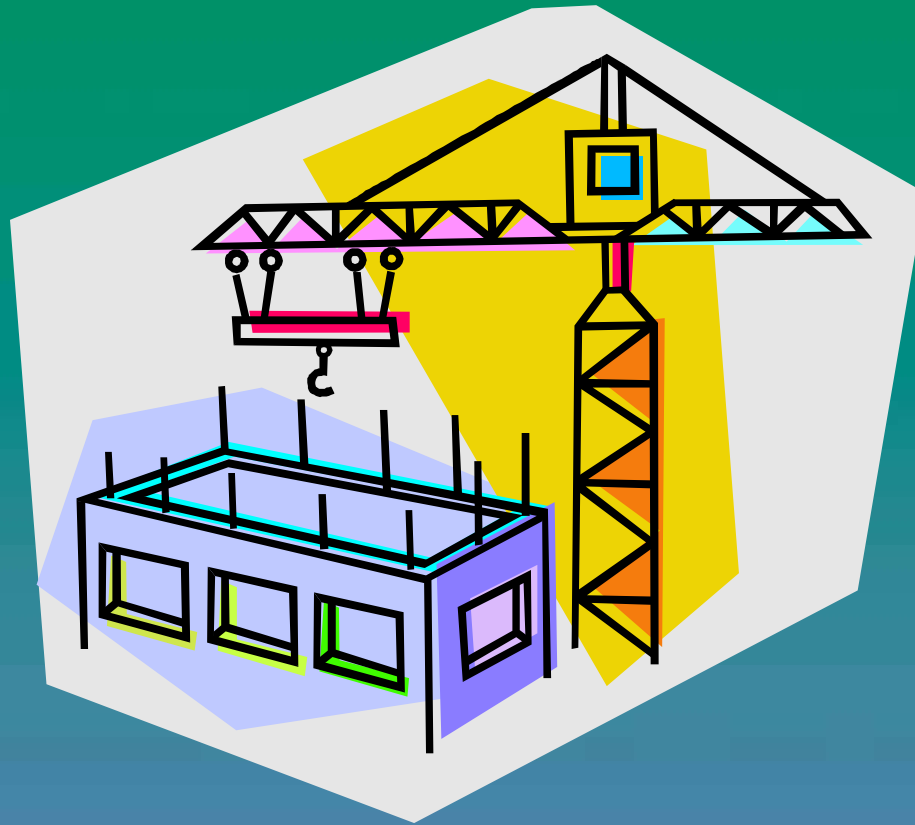
## A stroke system should...

- be standardized regionally but **customized** locally
- Address the needs of **neurologically underserved** areas to make sure every patient has ensure access to a primary stroke center and more comprehensive services
- Incorporate **telemedicine**, and ground or **aeromedical transport** to help facilitate these linkages between hospitals and patients



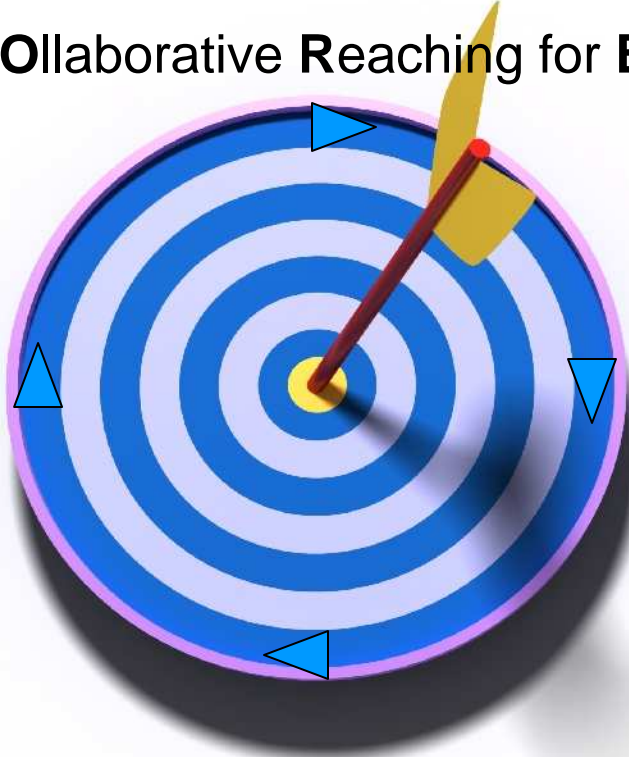


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