



Financial Impact on Loss of Stroke Designation

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BACKGROUND

Our hospital is a designated stroke center.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine the financial impact on the hospital were stroke designation declined.

Study Design

A quantitative, retrospective study was started in our 300 bed community hospital to assess the financial impact of stroke designation on our facility by comparing revenue and expense reports for stroke or stroke related diagnosis (including our rehabilitation patients).

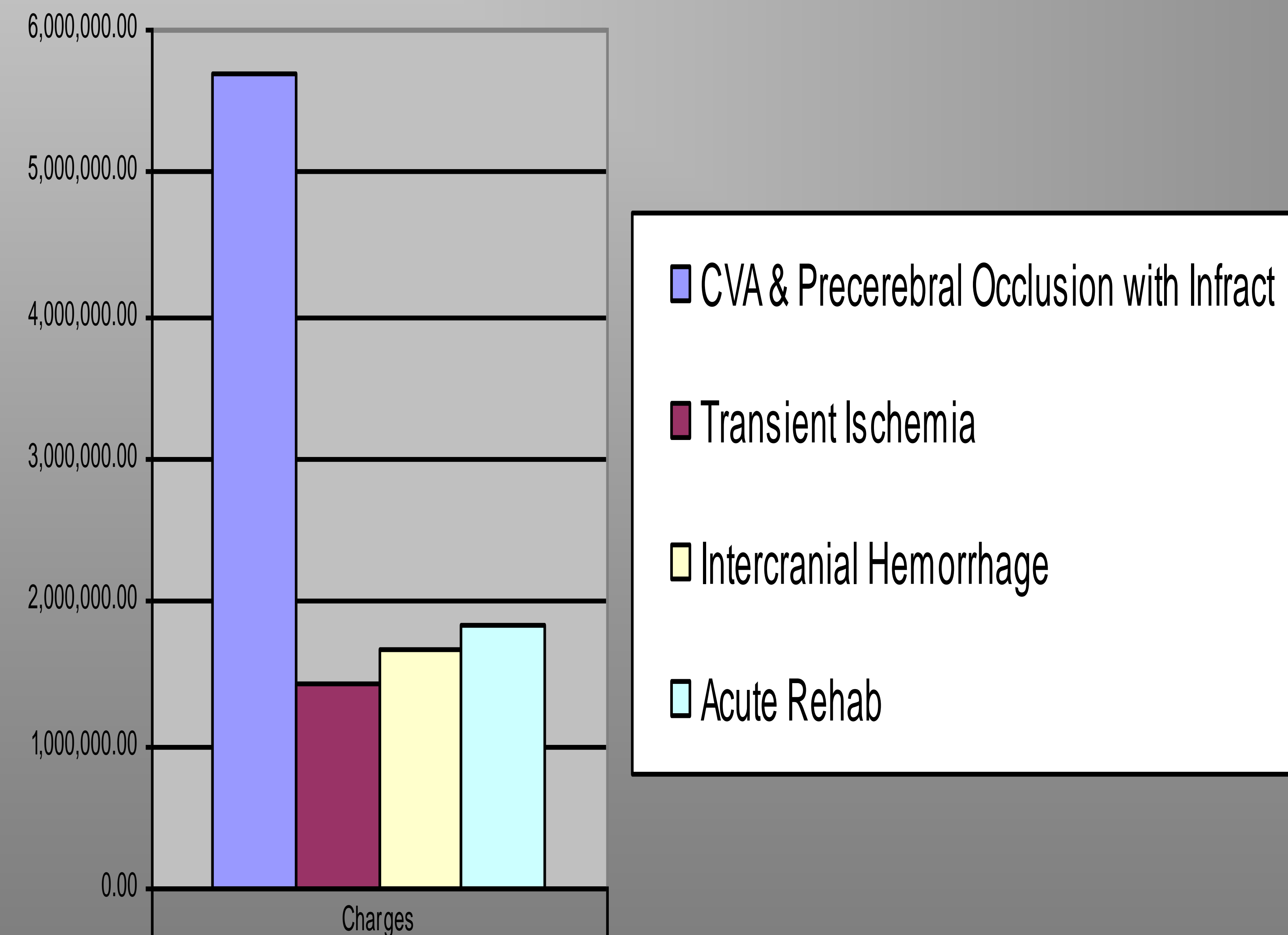
METHODS

Financial reports for six DRGs & Rehab admissions were reviewed from 2009 UDSMR (Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation) to find the financial impact *if* these patient populations were to be sent to *another* designated facility.

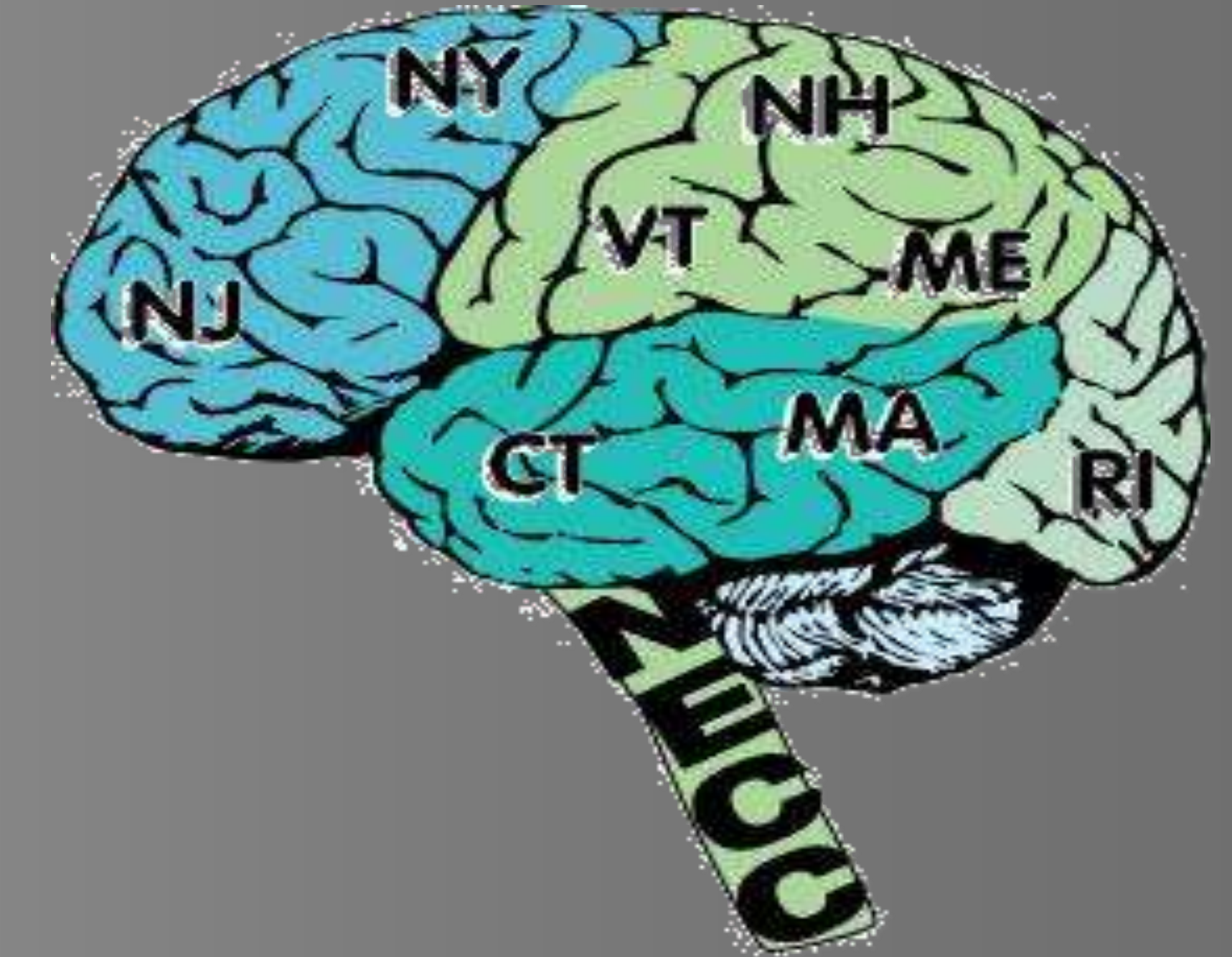
RESULTS/FINDINGS

The financial impact is a significant revenue loss (see table below) of over \$810,400/year and thousands more would be lost on rehabilitation service revenues.

2009 Hospital Admission Dx Charges



CVA & Precerebral Occlusion with Infract	5,700,684.00
Transient Ischemia	1,434,690.00
Intercranial Hemorrhage	1,675,026.00
Acute Rehab	1,835,393.41



LESSONS LEARNED

Review of the financial reports demonstrates a substantial financial loss for our hospital annually. We would also lose a trust and patronage from our community among this patient population.

CONCLUSIONS

Loss of the stroke designation would impact our hospital financially. More research would be indicated to replicate our findings and validate this study.

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