



AHN NEUROSCIENCE
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2026 AHN Stroke Symposium

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Virtual and In-person

AHN Allegheny General Hospital

Comprehensive Stroke Center

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Conference Overview & Intended Audience

The AHN Stroke Symposium is designed to provide education on current, evidence-based practice knowledge across the continuum of stroke care. This annual event is aimed at assisting with educational requirements for nurses, providers, therapists, and other health care professionals who care for stroke patients. A variety of educational methods will be used by a faculty of experts during this conference.

Objectives

- Attendees will be able to identify the key benefits and risks associated with extended window interventions.
- Attendees will be able to recognize critical factors influencing prognosis and treatment decisions in ICH.
- Participants will be able to assess the impact of GLP-1 receptor agonist in acute stroke on the incidence of aspiration pneumonia and patient outcomes.
- Clinicians will be able to discuss the current limitations and future potential of AI in stroke management.
- Participants will be able to describe the critical role of pre-hospital care and transport in optimizing stroke outcomes.
- Clinicians will be able to describe appropriate rehabilitation strategies for managing dizziness and improving mobility in stroke patients.
- Clinicians will be able to recognize the interdisciplinary approach required to address complex issues in neuro critical care.
- Clinicians will be able to outline evidence-based interventions and compensatory strategies for managing dysphagia.

Accreditation

This activity has been submitted for 6.25 PSNA CE, Rehab and EMS credits.

Allegheny General Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Allegheny General Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

Conference Schedule

7:30 am	In-person Check-in/ Continental Breakfast/ Visit Exhibits
7:45 am	Zoom Waiting Room Opens for Virtual Attendees
8:00 am	Welcome and Introduction - Russell Cerejo, MD
8:15 am	"Time Meets Tissue" - Russell Cerejo, MD
9:00 am	"ICH: The Clock is Ticking — A Little Less Bleeding, A Little More Treating" - Maryam Zulfiqar, MD
9:45 am	"When Ozempic Meets the Angio Suite: What GLP-1's Mean for Aspiration Risk in EVT" - Sahil Sardana, MD
10:15 am	Refreshment Break/ Visit Exhibits
10:30 am	"From ChatGPT to Brain-Reading Technology: AI in Stroke Care" - Chris Hackett
11:00 am	"From Scene to Stroke Center: The Critical Role of LifeFlight in the Race Against Time" - Peter Hough
11:30 am	Patient Panel
12:00 pm	Lunch/ Visit Exhibits
1:00 pm	"Dizzy and Dangerous: How PT Can Distinguish Between Peripheral and Central Vertigo" - Sinead Farrelly
1:45 pm	"One Stroke Many Systems: The Medical Challenges of a Hospitalized Stroke Patient" - Meilin Young, MD
2:30 pm	Refreshment Break/ Visit Exhibits
2:45 pm	"Houston We Have a Swallowing Problem" - Johnna Resek
3:15 pm	"The Guideline Games: May the Best Practice Win" - Leslie Pope
4:15 pm	Wrap Up/Evaluations
4:30 pm	Adjournment

Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the policy of Allegheny General Hospital, presenters must disclose all relevant financial relationships, which in the context of their presentation(s), could be perceived as a real or apparent conflict of interest, (e.g., ownership of stock, honorarium, or consulting fees). Any identifiable conflicts will be resolved prior to the activity. Any such relationships will be disclosed to the learner prior to the presentation(s).

Location

Virtual: Zoom (link to be sent out prior to conference)

In-person: Magovern Conference Center
Allegheny General Hospital
320 East North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212



Registration Information

Pricing:

\$25	AHN Employees
\$50	AHN Telestroke Site Employees
\$15	Nursing Students
\$75	Other Professionals

Prices include parking at James Street Garage (excluding AGH employees), refreshments and lunch for all in-person registrations.

Register: Online registration only. To register online or download a brochure, please go to: [2026 Stroke Symposium | Allegheny General Hospital](#)

If you have not created an account in our ETHOS system, you will need to register as a new user. Once your account is created please click on courses and select the Annual Stroke Symposium to register. Credit cards will be accepted: VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

Deadline to Register: September 25, 2026

Refund Policy

A refund of the registration fee, less a 10% processing fee, will be made when a written request or a telephone request followed by a written confirmation is received prior to September 1, 2026. After this date, refunds will not be made. Fees will not be refunded for failure to attend.

Allegheny General Hospital reserves the right to cancel or postpone any conference because of unforeseen circumstances or insufficient enrollment. In the event of such cancellation, full tuition will be refunded.

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