Monthly Update

4 – February 2019

REMINDER!

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When: **Thursday, February 21, 2019 - 1:00 PM ET**

Presentations:
- Description of human immune cell populations after intracerebral hemorrhage
  - **Christine Tschoe, MD**, Wake Forest University
- **ORACLE** (Optimal Recording at the Cerebral Local Environment) - A Feasibility Study to Identify Serum Markers in Brain Ischemia
  - **Shashvat Desai, MD**, UPMC
- Association of Clot Burden Score and Thrombectomy 6 to 24 Hours after Stroke: Analysis of the DAWN Trial
  - **Kunakorn Achaneeyasakul, MD**, UCLA

Moderator: TBD

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**Grand Rounds**

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When: **Tuesday, February 28, 2019 - 4:00 PM ET**

Presentation: Brain Susceptibility to Acute Ischemia: Why White Matter Matters
- **Natalia Rost, MD**, Massachusetts General Hospital

Moderator: Shyam Prabhakaran, MD, University of Chicago

To join the meeting: [https://nihstroke.net.adobeconnect.com/grandrounds/](https://nihstroke.net.adobeconnect.com/grandrounds/) Please enter as a guest, then your email address or complete name. To take part in the conversation you must dial in, 1 (877) 621-0220 Passcode Number: 190825

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**Spotlight: International CREST-2 Sites**

- Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Warszawa, Kraków, Centre
- Barcelona, Spain, Europe

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Steering Committee Call

Steering Committee Calls are a requirement for all NIH StrokeNet RCCs
(One representative per RCC required)

The next Steering Committee call is scheduled for 13-February, 2019, at 12 noon ET.

Just a reminder, minutes from all Steering Committee calls can be accessed via the www.nihstroke.net website. After log in, click on the “Minutes” tab, then at the dropdown menu, select “Steering Committee”.

Coordinator Webinar

Coordinator Webinars are a requirement for the NIH StrokeNet RCC Coordinators/Managers

When: Wednesday, February 27 2019 - 1:30 PM ET
Topic: TBD

Professional Development Webinar

Professional Development webinars are a requirement for the NIH StrokeNet Trainees, however all are welcome to participate.

When: Thursday, February 21, 2019 - 1:00 PM ET

Presentations: Description of human immune cell populations after intracerebral hemorrhage
Christine Tschoe, MD, Wake Forest University

ORACLE (Optimal Recording at the Cerebral Local Environment) - A Feasibility Study to Identify Serum Markers in Brain Ischemia
Shashvat Desai, MD, UPMC

Association of Clot Burden Score and Thrombectomy 6 to 24 Hours after Stroke: Analysis of the DAWN Trial
Kunakorn Atchaneeayakul, MD, UCLA

Moderator: TBD
Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds are a requirement for the NIH StrokeNet Trainees, however all are welcome to participate.

When: Tuesday, February 28, 2019 - 4:00 PM ET

Presentation: Brain Susceptibility to Acute Ischemia: Why White Matter Matters
Natalia Rost, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital

Moderator: Shyam Prabhakaran, MD, University of Chicago

To join the meeting: https://nihstrokenet.adobeconnect.com/grandrounds/ Please enter as a guest, then your email address or complete name. To take part in the conversation you must dial in, 1 (877) 621-0220 Passcode Number: 190825

StrokeNet Network Meetings and Important Info

6-February, 2019: There will be a StrokeNet social hour at the ISC in Honolulu, Hawaii. The event will take place from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Rainbow I-II, as well as the adjacent patio. Hors d’oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be provided. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate family and friends, so this must be a StrokeNet only function.

StrokeNet Employment Opportunities

MUSC Stroke Program (Charleston, SC) Vascular Neurologist

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Department of Neurology is recruiting a Vascular Neurologist as part of further expansion of our pre-eminent Comprehensive Stroke Program. MUSC is located in Charleston SC, which was ranked the #1 city in the world by Travel and Leisure Magazine and the #1 small city in the US by Conde Nast for 8 years in a row.

MUSC is one of the busiest stroke programs in the Southeast and is the tertiary referral center for most large artery strokes in the state. MUSC is a leader in the South Carolina Telestroke Alliance and currently provides acute stroke care to 28 SC hospitals and admits over 1200 stroke patients annually to our dedicated stroke service. MUSC also has a robust clinical research enterprise and is a national leader in investigator-initiated research and clinical trials, including serving as a regional coordinating center in the NIH-funded StrokeNet. In addition to 8 current stroke faculty, we have 4 Stroke NPs, a robust neurology residency program, and 2 vascular neurology fellows per year.
The chosen candidate for this position will be appointed as an Assistant Professor (or higher commensurate with experience) on the Clinician Educator Track. He/she will participate in the clinical activities within the MUSC Stroke Program including rounding on the Inpatient Stroke Teaching Ward Service, the Stroke Consult Service, Outpatient Stroke Clinic, and the Telestroke consult program. The successful applicant must be board-eligible or board certified in general neurology and have completed ACGME-fellowship training in Vascular Neurology. Excellent communication skills, ability to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary setting, and experience teaching vascular neurology fellows, house-staff and medical students, as well as experience with clinical trials are desired.

For more information, please contact Dr. Tanya Turan, Stroke Division Director at turan@musc.edu or 843-792-3020.

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**Fellowship Training Opportunity Announcement**

The University of Pittsburgh, Department of Neurology is now accepting applicants for a year 2020-2021 research training fellowship supported by the NIH StrokeNet program (NIHStrokeNet.org). StrokeNet is a research network of 20 regional stroke centers funded by the NIH/NINDS, these centers work with nearby satellite facilities and have teams of researchers representing every medical specialty needed for stroke care. The network addresses three areas of stroke research: prevention, treatment and recovery.

The specific aims of this project include promoting stroke related research and developing future practitioners who are interested in promoting and participating in stroke related research. Goals also include fostering the development of close mentorship ties, protection of research time, pursuit of research training, and generation of preliminary data necessary to apply for additional scientist development training grants. This program is therefore aimed at promising applicants who are seeking a career that includes clinical or translational research in stroke. Unlike longer training programs, this program is focused on identifying a single year that will allow the time and support to compete effectively for longer training opportunities. It is expected that at the end of the fellowship, the trainee will be prepared to submit applications for national, peer-reviewed funding mechanisms and continue their research. The recipient will have the opportunity to work with the NIH StrokeNet to develop a research plan.

This opportunity is open to any fellow interested in stroke care. This is a research focused training opportunity and at least 75% of the recipient’s time will be based in research training, project development and other activities supporting stroke research.

**ELIGIBILITY**
1. For the purpose of this fellowship, research includes specifically designed trials studying prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation in stroke and may include translational research.

2. The applicant should be interested in an academic career with independent research funding. The award is available for members in all disciplines (physicians, advance practice nurses, PharmD, DPT, PhD researchers, etc.) and is geared for fellows but early career individuals will also be considered who are interested in stroke research.

AWARD

The fellowship will be awarded to one (1) applicant for one (1) post-graduate year. Support for the applicant includes salary and training activities. Supplementation of the stipend with other grants, fellowships, or by the institution is permissible, but fellows may not accept another source of support for more than 25 percent of their salary.

Through University of Pittsburgh and UPMC resources we can provide:

1. Mentorship by an established investigator
2. Career development with specific goals and an identified research project
3. Research training curriculum through the Institute for Clinical Research Education
4. Protected research time by the department of at least 75%

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent. The letter should include a description of the applicant’s goals for a research career, their qualifications for beginning training in research, a description of their potential project, and a strategy for completing the proposed project.
2. Identification of a potential mentor(s) including the mention of the mentor’s qualifications and area of expertise. A description of how the mentor’s expertise will tie into the project should be included if the mentor’s area of research is dissimilar from the project. Mentors can be located at any institution as along as a clear mentorship plan is outlined.
3. A strategy for transitioning this work to a longer funding opportunity.
4. A letter of support (1 page) from a previous mentor.
5. Current CV including any publications from the last 2 years.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Letters of intent will be reviewed and selected by the StrokeNet University of Pittsburgh Training Director.

Please send applications to:

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For more information on additional StrokeNet employment opportunities, please visit:
http://www.nihstrokenet.org/education/employment-opportunities

Please share this with your clinical performing and satellite sites! Contact: Jamey Frasure, PhD, RN,
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