

*8th Annual*  
***VCU Comprehensive  
Stroke Symposium***



**Friday, May 17, 2019**

**The Richmond Marriott Hotel**  
500 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
804.643.3400



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American Stroke Association  
CERTIFICATION**  
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# 2019 VCU Comprehensive Stroke Symposium

## Event Information

### Overview

The VCU Annual Comprehensive Stroke Symposium is committed to advancing the knowledge of nurses, allied health professionals, advanced practice providers and other healthcare professionals in recent concepts and advancements in the care of patients with cerebrovascular disease. As an academic tertiary referral center, VCU cares for complex stroke patients, pediatrics to adults, throughout the continuum of care from emergency care to in-patient rehabilitation and out-patient stroke clinics. This one-day conference will focus on connecting neuroanatomy with the neurologic assessment, legal considerations of electronic health record documentation and advancements in caring for patients with complex communication needs.

### Target Audience

Nurses, allied health providers, physicians, advanced practice providers and other healthcare professionals who participate in the care of stroke patients.

### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational event, participants will:

- Self-report knowledge gain related to the connection between neuroanatomy and their clinical experiences, and strengthen their assessment skills and pathology recognition.
- Self-report their intent to change their practice related to electronic record documentation.
- Correctly analyze their patients' clinical status to determine the need to activate a stroke alert.
- Self-report an intent to change practice by applying evidence based communication strategies for patients with complex communication needs.

### Continuing Education

**Nursing:** Up to 6.75 Contact Hours. VCU Health is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Virginia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

**Physicians:** VCU Health Continuing Medical Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

VCU Health Continuing Medical Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.75 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Non-Physicians:** VCU Health Continuing Medical Education awards 6.75 hours of participation (equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™) to each non-physician participant who successfully completes this educational activity.

### Registration Information

The registration fees include CNE and CME continuing education credit, continental breakfast, break refreshments, and luncheon. Minimum and maximum numbers for attendance at this conference have been established, and we reserve the right to substitute speakers/topics, or cancel if necessary. Register early.

### Cancellation Policy

Full refund, minus \$25 processing fee for emailed cancellations by **Friday, May 3, 2019**. No refunds will be given for cancellations requested after this date.

### Parking

You can park at the 5th and Marshall parking deck; a parking voucher will be provided at check-in. Further information will be included with your confirmation letter.

### Accommodations

Arrangements have been made with the Richmond Marriott to block overnight rooms for the symposium. Participants can make their reservations by calling (800) 228-9290 to receive the rate of **\$155/night** for a single; **\$165** for a double. Reservations can also be made online at: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49792328>. Deadline for receiving the guest room block is **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. This rate may not be available after this date.

### Americans with Disabilities Act

VCU Health System is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, genetic information, military status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal or state law. If special accommodation is needed, please contact us at 804. 828.0418. Every attempt will be made to facilitate your participation in this conference.

# Agenda & Speakers

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Daniel Falcao, DO, Interim Medical Director, VCU Comprehensive Stroke Center	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Defensive Documentation</b> Steve Furman, RN, CCRN
<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>3D Anatomy and Assessment of the Stroke Patient</b> Linda Littlejohns, RN, MSN, SCRN, CNRN, FAAN	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Break and Networking</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Break and Networking</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>	<b>Case studies: When should I Call a Stroke Alert?</b> Tim Jeter, RN, BSN
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>3D Anatomy; (Continued)</b> Linda Littlejohns, RN, MSN, SCRN, CNRN, FAAN	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Communication for All Patients: An Overview of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)</b> Kiera Berggren, MA/CCC-SLP, MS
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Stacie Stevens, PhD, FNP, RN
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Medical Liability and Stroke Litigation: Risk Identification and Reduction Strategies</b> Sean P. Byrne, Esq., JD		

## Keynote Speaker



**Linda Littlejohns, RN, MSN, SCRN, CNRN, FAAN**, Neuro Clinical Nurse Specialist, Consultant  
Linda is a neuro CNS and consultant. She worked at a trauma center in California before joining Integra as their global VP of clinical development. Linda retired from industry at the end of 2014 and now consults globally as a speaker and author/editor. Linda has published and edited numerous books, chapters and articles and presented topics on neuro for over 30 years. She is well known for her 3D anatomy courses for trauma, stroke and degenerative diseases in the neuro population.

## Faculty

**Kiera Berggren, MA/CCC-SLP, MS**, Research Speech-Language Pathologist, Department of Neurology, VCU Health

**Sean Byrne, Esq., JD**, Healthcare attorney, Hancock, Daniel & Johnson, PC

**Steve Furman, RN, CCRN**, Legal Nurse Consultant, VCU Health

**Tim Jeter, RN, BSN**, Rapid Response Team; co-chair Brain Attack Team, VCU Health

**Stacie Stevens, PhD, FNP, RN**, VCU Comprehensive Stroke Center Program Coordinator

# Registration Form

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Registration Deadline: **Friday, May 3, 2019**

## Individual & Group Registrant Name(s)

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### Name 1 and Credentials

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Email Address Phone Number

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Employer (Unit Name for VCU Health Employees)

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### Name 2 and Credentials

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Email Address Phone Number

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Employer (Unit Name for VCU Health Employees)

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### Name 3 and Credentials

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Email Address Phone Number

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Employer (Unit Name for VCU Health Employees)

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### Name 4 and Credentials

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Email Address Phone Number

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Employer (Unit Name for VCU Health Employees)

## Registration & Fee Payment Options:

**Rates:** Registration Fee Schedule

VCU/Sheltering Arms Staff **\$125**

Non-VCU Colleagues **\$135**

Conference Day Walk-in Fee **\$150**

### Option 1

Online Registration

(a) Click: [Registration link](#)

(b) Set-up online User ID and password (non-VCU)

### Option 2

Mail-in Registration and Check Payment

Options:

Personal Check

Employer Check

*Payable to:* UHS-PEP

UHS-PEP

Box 980048

Richmond, VA 23298-0048

### Option 3

Call in Credit Card Payment to:

UHS-PEP

Telephone: (804) 828-3640



## Got Questions?

- For questions regarding the **conference**, contact: [paul.swadley@vcuhealth.org](mailto:paul.swadley@vcuhealth.org)  
Phone: (804) 828-0418
- For questions regarding **registration** or the **website**, contact: [cmeinfo@vcuhealth.org](mailto:cmeinfo@vcuhealth.org)  
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