

## Stroke Education

**Q: What is the NIH Stroke Scale Training Program course?**

**A:** The NIH Stroke Scale is a critical component of acute stroke assessment. The American Stroke Association, in conjunction with the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) has developed this CME/CE certified, online training program for healthcare professionals to learn or review how to administer the NIH Stroke Scale for acute stroke assessment.

The NIH Stroke Scale Training Program is designed to allow healthcare providers to return to the course after designated time intervals to refresh their skills and demonstrate their continued mastery of this tool by successfully assessing a series of test scenarios. Each of these test groups is equivalent in size and scope, but the scenarios in each test group are different in order to assure mastery of the scale over time.

Once a test group is successfully completed, that series of test scenarios should not be repeated and you will be allowed to advance to the next test group.

### Learning Objectives

At the completion of this online course, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify and assess neurological deficits in stroke patients
2. Understand the measurement scale for quantifying neurological deficits in stroke patients
3. Consistently apply appropriate scores for neurological deficits in stroke patients
4. Use the scale to assess changes in neurological deficits in stroke patients over time
5. Use "Test Completion" certificates to document compliance - valid for up to one (1) year

**Q: How do I successfully complete this course?**

**A:** To successfully complete this activity, learners must rate a test group of 3 patients by applying the scale in case-based scenarios. No more than 6 items in a test group may be rated incorrectly in order to pass. In addition, learners must provide feedback that will be used for evaluative and outcomes measurement purposes.

Learners will be required to provide evaluative feedback before CME/CE credit can be claimed. A CME/CE certificate may be claimed only once per test group, however, the certificate may be printed as many times as needed. The date within the certificate will reflect the date the certificate was originally claimed and printed.

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Successful completion of this CE activity includes the following:

1. Register and view the course online. Click each active link beginning with General Information & Course Completion Instructions to progress through the course. Click the "Play Video" button to watch the instruction videos, patient demonstrations, and patient scenarios within the test.
2. Complete the activity test group
3. Complete the evaluation survey
4. Print your CME/CE Certificate from your own printer.

**Q: What are the hardware/software requirements for this course?**

**A:** Microsoft Edge, Firefox (Latest Version), Google Chrome, Windows 7 or above, Safari (Latest Version), Adobe Acrobat Reader, Internet Explorer is no longer supported.

**Q: What is the target audience for this course?**

**A:** The target audiences for this program are emergency physicians, neurologists, nurses, clinical researchers and medical students.

### **Additional Course Information:**

#### **Faculty**

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### **Accreditation Statements:**

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the American Heart Association. The American Heart Association is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

- **AMA Credit Designation Statement - Physicians**  
The American Heart Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 2.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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### **Commercial Support**

This activity did not receive independent medical educational grants.

### **Contact Information**

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