Tools and Tactics: Blueprint for Recognize Subtle Stroke Signs: Quick Action Saves Brain

**Educate**
- Schedule a time with colleagues to watch the recorded Recognize Subtle Stroke Signs: Quick Action Saves Brain webinar
- Suggest posting stroke awareness materials, such as the “Act FAST” campaign, in your unit [http://www.stroke.org/understand-stroke/recognizing-stroke/act-fast](http://www.stroke.org/understand-stroke/recognizing-stroke/act-fast)

**Audit**
- Use the Gap Analysis tool in this webinar to evaluate your unit’s practices
- Ask other team members about gaps they see in assessing for stroke symptoms and how these impact the timing of interventions
- Learn more about how stroke is affecting your community by reviewing data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/](https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/)

**Try It**
- Evaluate patients’ risk factors for stroke and adjust the frequency and depth of your assessment accordingly
- Watch for subtle changes in neurological status at every patient interaction
- Consider applying a standardized tool or elements for a tool such as the NIH Stroke Scale when you are concerned about a patient’s neurological status

**Partner**
- Talk with your colleagues about the risk of stroke in your patient population
- Identify a case example that puts a face on the issue of acute stroke for the members of your team
- Collaborate with colleagues to examine your unit’s response to acute stroke and identify strategies that promote rapid intervention

**Share**
- Discuss the masking of stroke symptoms that can occur with sedation and analgesia
- Educate unlicensed personnel about specific changes that may indicate an acute stroke and the appropriate action to take
- Form an interprofessional team to compare the AHA/ASA GUIDELINES to current practice on your unit and your facility [http://stroke.ahajournals.org/content/44/3/870](http://stroke.ahajournals.org/content/44/3/870)

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