Minutes from the August 27, 2012 meeting were approved.

**Monthly Data Review:**
Stroke data was presented for August 2012. There was 100% compliance in all areas, with the exception of Dysphagia, which had three variances. New risk factors will be added in October, such as pre-hospital meds. There were 31 Stroke/TIA discharges and 8 ED transfers. The stroke order set was used 54 times and teledmed was used 3 times. One patient was administered t-PA.

**Nursing Reports:**
There is a meeting scheduled on 9/26/12 with the Unit Directors to plan unit specific goals.

- **6B Report:** Will be instituting standards of care. The goal is to start the stroke study this week.

- **3B Report:** A power point has been made to educate staff.

- **ICU Report:** Working to get stroke information in the waiting room.

- **ED Report:** Patients arriving via EMS that are within the three hour window for t-PA are going directly to CT on the EMS stretcher.
Lab Report:
An emphasis needs to be made on using the stroke stickers and/or calling the lab so that stroke orders are processed within the goal range.

CT Report:
All doctors (pcp, residents, intensivists, etc.) will be notified of the preliminary report and be able to acknowledge/verify the report. Education is currently being done with the doctors.

E-Record Report:
A request to have dysphagia placed on the nursing screen has been submitted to the dashboard committee.

EMS Report:
Education is being done with EMS crews when they bring patients into the ED. EMS are concerned about the urgency of care in the ED, so the CT initiative should help with this. They are also being reminded about the new Bill that was passed: patients with stroke symptoms are to be taken to the nearest stroke certified hospital.

Community Education:
- St. Margaret had an educational table at the Dr. Oz show in Pittsburgh and information on stroke was provided to those who attended.
- Would like to place a stroke banner on the outside of the hospital. A decision needs to be made on what information should be on the banner and then administration will have to approve.

Chart Review:
The chart of an 89 year old patient who received tPA and was transferred to Presby was reviewed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A&B.