Council on Cardiovascular Nursing
Stroke Nursing Committee
Commission

Purpose: To serve as the American Heart Association’s panel of experts issues related to stroke nursing.

Reports To: Council Chair and Leadership Committee.

Committee Membership: The Committee shall be made up of a Chair and 5-7 members drawn from the Council.

Method of Selection: The Council Chair, in consultation with the Vice Chair and the Committee Chair shall appoint Committee members as terms expire.

Term of Service: Members shall serve two-year terms beginning July 1st and ending June 30th and shall be staggered for continuity.

Member Commitment: The Committee shall meet by teleconference a few times per year and face-to-face, in conjunction with the AHA International Stroke Conference. The time commitment will vary, but should not exceed 1-3 hours per month.

Committee Responsibilities:
- Play an active role in all aspects of the prevention, acute management, critical care, and rehabilitation of stroke patients;
- Shape the science pertaining to the care of persons with or at risk for stroke;
- Disseminate information about stroke care;
- Address issues relevant to stroke nursing in patients with cerebrovascular disease and stroke;
- Develop scientific statements and other professional education materials;
- Develop patient education materials for the lay public and health care providers;
- Participate in lobbying efforts for research funding directed toward stroke research.

Chairperson’s Responsibilities:
- Attend Leadership Committee meetings and present Committee report;
- Provide guidance and orientation to members;
- Preside over Committee meetings, working with AHA staff to schedule and prepare agendas;
- Lead discussions at meetings and monitor activities;
- Review minutes of Committee meetings;
- Assign responsibilities as needed.