Hawaii Stroke Network (Telestroke)

Improving Stroke Care in Hawaii

From left to right: Christina Higa, Co-Program Director, PBTRC; Dr. Matthew Koenig, Associate Medical Director of Neurocritical Care, Queen's Medical Center; Dr. Karen Seth, Former Program Director, Hawaii Stroke Network.

The Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center (PBTRC) sat down with Dr. Matthew Koenig, Associate Medical Director of Neurocritical Care at The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, HI to discuss the Hawaii Stroke Network and how it has improved stroke care in Hawaii. In the video, Dr. Koenig discusses the history of the program and how it has changed acute stroke care in the state.

To view the video: http://vimeo.com/102377242

PBTRC would also like to bid a fond Aloha and Mahalo to Karen Seth. Karen was the Hawaii Stroke Network Program Director and was a founding and very active member of the PBTRC Advisory Board. Karen participated in the original Hawaii Telehealth Collaborative and served on the Telehealth Task Force that submitted the 2009 Telehealth Task Force Report to the Legislature. We truly appreciate her time and energy in helping to advance telehealth in the State of Hawaii.
Bill Signing

On June 30, 2014, Governor Neil Abercrombie of the State of Hawaii signed into law Senate Bill 2469: Relating to Telehealth. This bill "requires equivalent reimbursement for services, including behavioral health services, provided through telehealth as for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient. The measure also clarifies that health care providers for purposes of telehealth include primary care providers, mental health providers, oral health providers, physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists. For consistency purposes, the bill changes statutory references of telemedicine to telehealth" (From the Governor's Website). To view the bill in its entirety, please click HERE.

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Telegenetics Webinar

Sylvia Mann, M.S., C.G.C., Supervisor, Genomics Section, Hawaii Department of Health, and Project Director, Western States Genetic Services Collaborative presented a Webinar on Thursday, August 21, 2014 on the topic of Telegenetics: The Role of Telegenetics in Expanding Access to Genetic and Newborn Screening Services. The webinar: 1) Described Genetic and Newborn Screening Services, 2) Introduced Regional Genetics Collaboratives and the National Coordinating Center, 3) Gave a snapshot of Telegenetics across the U.S., and 4) Discussed the Telegenetics Training Program and real-life Telegenetics experiences. A recording of this webinar along with the presentation will be available for viewing shortly. PBTRC notify you when this becomes available.