



# RCT Participation at a Non-Academic Stroke Practice

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- All members of the stroke team are co-investigators
- Morning pre-rounds with the stroke team
  - Identify all cryptogenic (ESUS) patients
    - Review inclusion/exclusion
    - Communicate with our coordinators (immediately available to help!)
    - Consent while inpatient – determine if we will complete screening while in hospital or in clinic (almost all of our patients were consented in the hospital)



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- Patients are not used to being screened for trials (or “experiments”) while hospitalized at a non-academic hospital
  - Be explicit about standard of care
    - Minimize therapeutic misconception
  - Be clear of conflicts of interest
  - Be thorough of potential benefits, risks, and alternatives
- Enroll consistently!
  - Vigilant team
  - PI helps screen patients weekly