



Let us know where you will be in 2025!

(Survey link in study announcements!)



### International Stroke

Conference 2025  
February 5-7, 2025 | Los Angeles, CA  
Los Angeles Convention Center



American Stroke Association.  
A division of the American Heart Association.



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### Got Questions?

#### TMS Questions:

Urgent (during TMS procedure)

Call or text TMS hotline at:

**(833) 337-2227**

Monday – Friday 0800 – 2100h EST

Non-urgent TMS questions Email:

[verify.study.tms@gmail.com](mailto:verify.study.tms@gmail.com)

#### Enrollment Questions:

[verifystudy@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:verifystudy@ucmail.uc.edu)

**\*\*Please include "VERIFY Enrollment Question" in the subject line!!!\*\***

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## Stroke Fact of the Month:

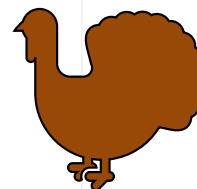
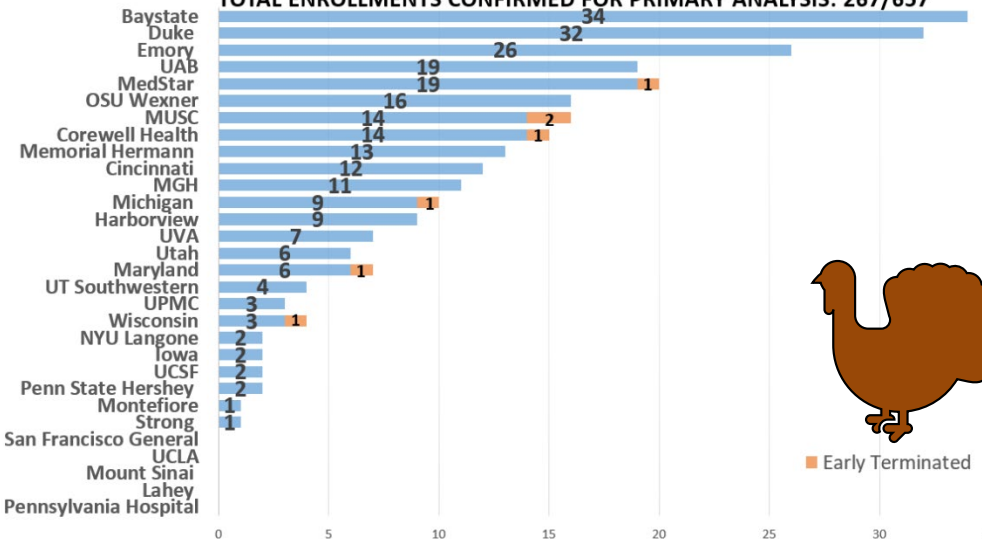
Statistically, while more men experience strokes, women are at a higher risk of dying from them. Additionally, stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer each year.

Reference- Click [HERE](#)

## Enrollment Update

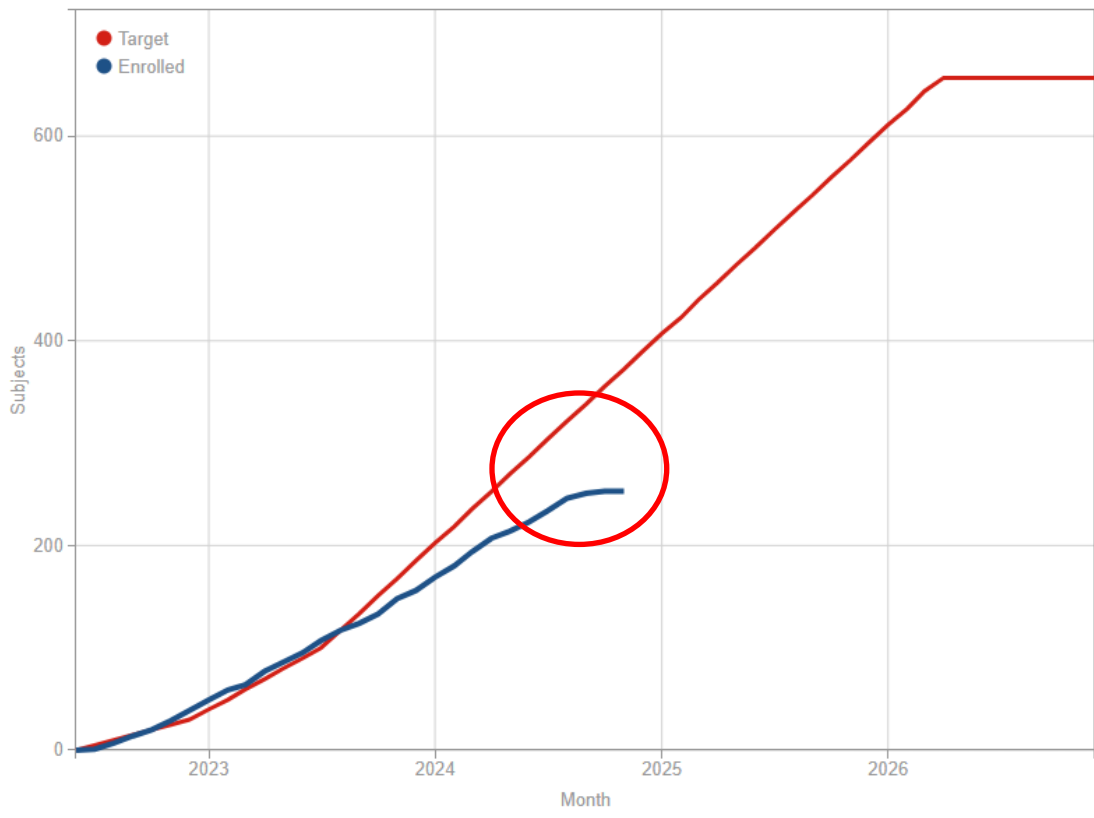
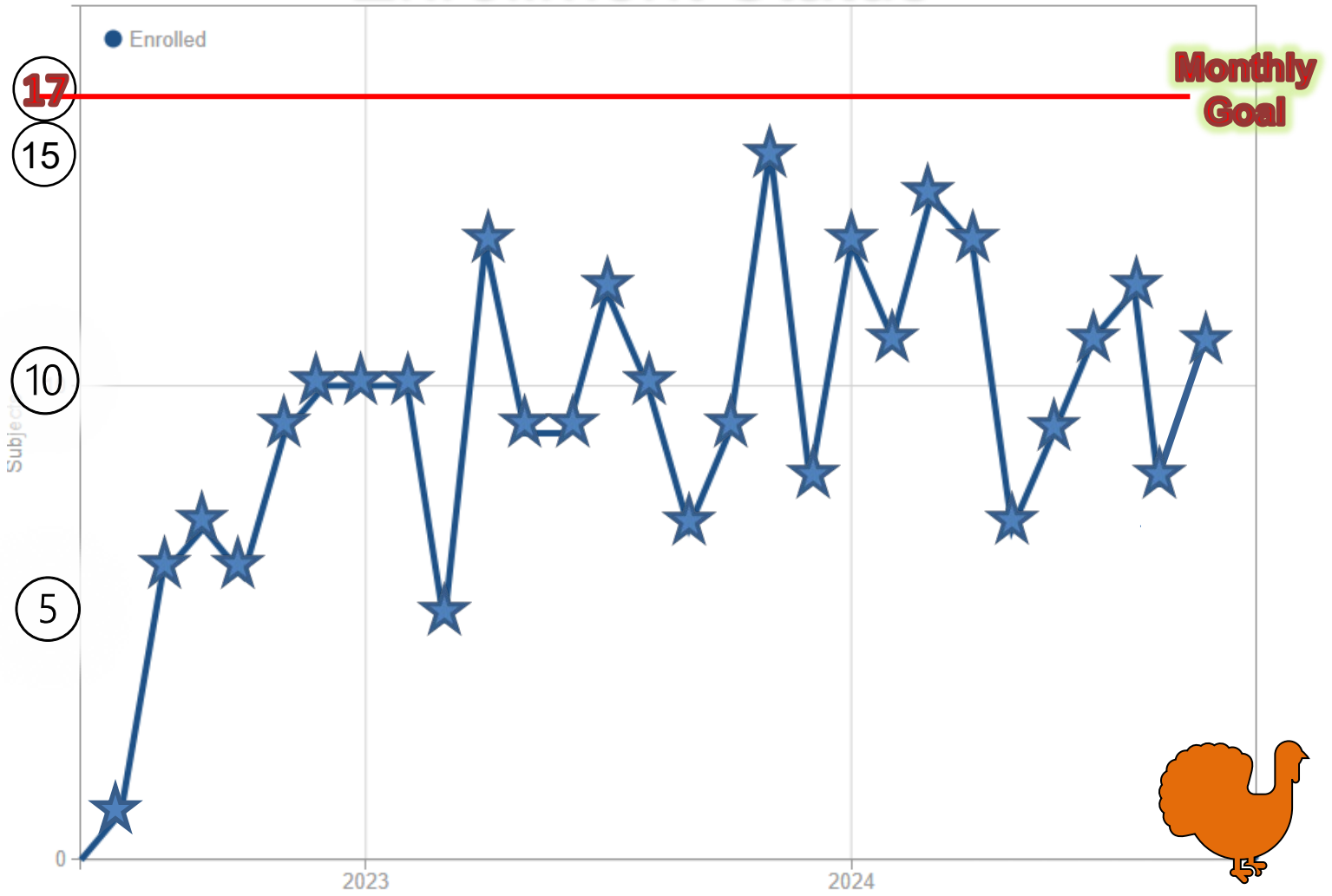
VERIFY TOTAL ENROLLMENTS: 274

TOTAL ENROLLMENTS CONFIRMED FOR PRIMARY ANALYSIS: 267/657



Early Terminated

# Enrollment Status





# Back to School Enrollment Contest



**Reward:** Activated sites will get a pizza party & preparing for activation sites will receive VERIFY brain pins!

## How to qualify:

### Activated sites:

- Must enroll at least **3 subjects** in the 3-month period (early terminated subjects do not count)

### Preparing for activation sites:

- Must be activated in WebDCU by the end of October

## Final Contest Results!

### Activated sites:

#### Sites with 3 or more enrollments

(Winners!):

1. MUSC
2. U. Alabama
3. Emory University Hospital
4. OSU
5. Corewell

#### Sites with Two enrollments

6. Baystate
7. Penn State Hershey
8. University of Cincinnati
9. MedStar

#### Sites with One enrollment:

10. Memorial Hermann
11. MGH
12. U. Wisconsin
13. Strong Memorial Hospital
14. Duke
15. UT Southwestern

### Preparing for activation sites:

#### Sites that have activated

(Winners!):

1. Pennsylvania Hospital
2. Strong Memorial Hospital

*Congratulations*

# Study Announcements & Reminders

- **ANNOUNCEMENT:** The VERIFY Study is reaching out to assess the anticipated attendance of our study sites at the following conferences in 2025-

- **International Stroke Conference (ISC): February 5th-7th in Los Angeles, CA**
- **American Society of Neurorehabilitation (ASNR) Annual Meeting: April 23rd-25th in Atlanta, GA**

Please confirm whether one or more members of your study team will be attending either of these events by completing the survey here:

<https://redcap.research.cchmc.org/surveys/?s=E3LDFDJL78AJMA4T>

Based on your responses, we hope to plan an event at one or both conferences.

- **REMINDER:** We strongly recommend installing the MEGA-TMS software onto a second computer in case of issues with the laptop supplied with the MEGA-TMS machine!! The software and instructions for installation can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aRyEeAJA88LTR5CJClvEApJZdpd4lDht>

- **REMINDER:** An official study memo was sent to sites on 10/7/2024 regarding the supplies required for performing TMS. Each Site is expected to procure these supplies using the funds provided by the study. Memo available in WebDCU Toolbox.



To Our  
**VERIFY**  
 Family!!

# VERIFY TMS Protocol Required Supplies

The per-patient payment for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) in the VERIFY study encompasses both personnel efforts and the essential supplies required to fully implement the TMS protocol. Below is a list of the necessary supplies, along with recommended brands to ensure proper execution and consistency of performing TMS. Skin prep helps ensure the EMG is recorded without electrical noise issues.

**Skin Prep:** Start by shaving the skin to remove any hair in the area. Afterward, clean the skin thoroughly using an alcohol wipe to eliminate oils and dirt. Any type of razor and alcohol wipes can be used for this step.



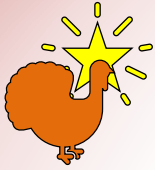
**Skin Prep- part 2:** Next, lightly exfoliate the skin using either prep tape or prep cream applied on a tissue. This gentle exfoliation enhances conductivity, reducing noise interference during the EMG. Recommended brands for this step include:

- Prep Tape: 3M™ Red Dot™ Trace Prep 2236
- Prep Cream: Nuprep® Skin Prep Gel

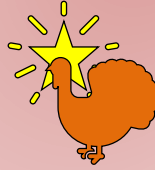
**Electrodes:** You may use either self-adhesive disposable recording electrodes or re-usable metal cup electrodes for electrode placement. If using metal cup electrodes, ensure they are filled with conductive gel or paste and securely taped to each site. For self-adhesive disposable recording electrodes, we recommend using 3M™ Red Dot™ Pediatric Monitoring Electrodes with 3M™ Micropore™ Tape Backing 2248-50



**Electrode Removal:** Carefully remove the recording electrodes and clean the underlying skin using an alcohol wipe. For patients with sensitive or fragile skin, REMOVE Adhesive Remover Wipes by Smith & Nephew can be used to gently remove adhesive tape and electrodes. Any mild reddening of the skin from EMG preparation is typically temporary and usually does not require treatment.



# Site Monthly Spotlight



## October Achievements:

### Top Enroller(s) with 2 enrollments each!!!!

1. Emory
2. OSU
3. MedStar



### Site First Enrollment!!

- Strong Memorial Hospital

### Top Pre-Screener(s):

1. Penn State Hershey

## VERIFY(ed) Extraordinary Team Member:

Penn State Hershey

PI: Dr. Raymond Reichwein  
 PSC: Olivia Christman

They enrolled their first two subjects back-to-back on the same day, with both having useable data. They were in constant communication with the prime team to ensure smooth enrollments. Great job team! We hope to see more enrollments from you soon!



Do you have an extraordinary team member that you want to be recognized? Let us know by emailing [verifystudy@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:verifystudy@ucmail.uc.edu) and nominate them for the next newsletter!

# Race to Activation

Race to Activation Tracker																
Site Name	CTA			MRI			WebDCU			TMS Training				All WebDCU Documents uploaded	Site Activation Meeting Completed	Site Activated
	Executed	CIRB Approved	MRI Survey Submitted	Protocol Approved	DOA Approved	Investigator agreement form's uploaded	TMS Shipping Address entered	TMS Machine obtained	At least 1 TMSO online training Completed	Greenlighted to start TMS HV Training	Uploaded TMS HV data to RedCAP	TMS HV Training Completed for at least 1 TMSO	TMS Technique Check			
Prisma Health Richland Hospital	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Birmingham VA Medical Center	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Keck Hospital of USC	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Westchester Medical Center	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
IU Health Methodist Hospital	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
The Jewish Hospital	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Ochsner Medical Center	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

## Is your site stuck?



### Need Help Advancing in the Race to Activation?

- Having problems with TMS online modules or with HV training?  
Contact Harry Jordan to schedule a 1:1 session!  
[verify.study.tms@gmail.com](mailto:verify.study.tms@gmail.com)
- Having issues getting an MRI Phantom? We can help with that!  
Contact Tyler Behymer to schedule a call or meeting:  
[behymetp@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:behymetp@ucmail.uc.edu)
- Have any other study related questions or issues?  
Contact the Project Managers Kalli Beasley and Max Mays!!  
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## You got this!

### Webinar Information

- PI/CRC webinars occur on the 3rd Monday of each month, 4pm-5pm EDT.

**Next PI/CRC webinar is 11/18/24**

Meeting ID: 929 1999 7979

Passcode: 708995

<https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/92919997979?pwd=UEMrY2ZTTXgzWJVTnBoQXR2ZlB2UT09>

- CRC webinars occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 2pm-3pm EDT.

**Next CRC webinar is 11/26/2024**

Meeting ID: 841 8046 6951

Passcode: 367867

<https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/84180466951?pwd=vLYTDMh8CRnappoLE1pioOAJ31k4.1>

- Past Webinars available:

<https://www.nihstrokenet.org/trials/verify/webinars>

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