



# Unit overview

This unit will cover core concepts of the acute stroke journey. Utilising case based learning, the unit will facilitate qualified healthcare professionals to critically evaluate the current policy, guidelines and literature that underpins stroke assessment and management within the acute phase. This unit will help qualified healthcare professionals from a range of disciplines to gain an in-depth understanding of the causes, nature, assessment and identification of stroke. Participants attending this unit must be registered healthcare professionals who have worked within stroke services for a minimum of one year.

**“Enabled me to step back and think critically about what I am doing: not just do something because my colleagues do or I have been told to do it.”**

**“Tutors were passionate and knowledgeable about their topics.”**

**“This was a really good module! There was a great rapport between tutors and the mixture of professionals and interaction in the classroom really stimulated my interest and developed my learning.”**

**“This module has really helped me to consolidate my knowledge about critical analysis and how to apply this to my practice.”**

## Key Course Content

- Nature and incidence of stroke and current policy guidelines.
- Identification and investigations of acute stroke.
- Stroke Scales and measurement tools.
- Stroke mimics.
- Stroke thrombolysis and physiological monitoring of stroke.
- Neuro-surgical and neuro-radiological interventions.
- Models and strategy for management, support, and rehabilitation (including quality of life issues).
- Role of the multidisciplinary team in stroke.
- The importance of nutrition after stroke.
- Models and approaches to secondary stroke prevention.

## Features and Benefits

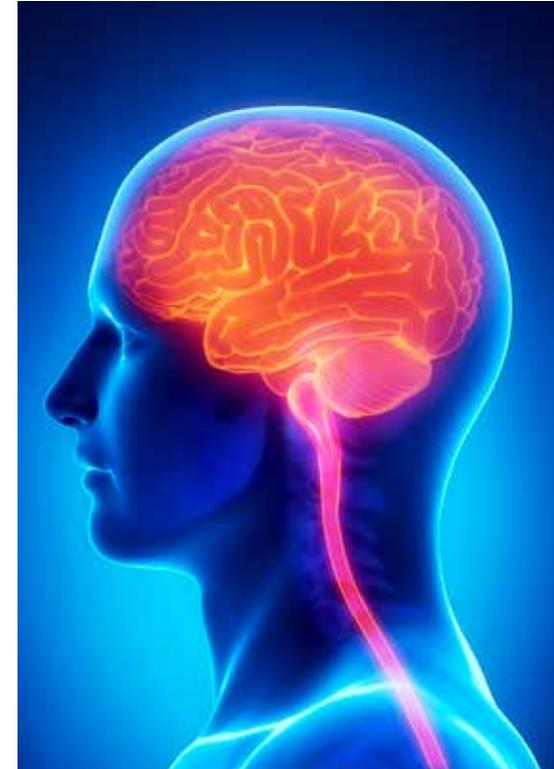
- Delivered by a multidisciplinary team who are experts in the field of stroke management.
- Opportunity to liaise with experts in the field of stroke medicine and other clinicians working in stroke medicine.
- Problem solving approach, using case scenarios to facilitate an understanding of practice guidelines and the research literature.
- Assessed piece of work directly influences changes of practice.
- Opportunity to present at a Manchester Metropolitan University conference and receive support to submit to national conferences.
- The unit can be taken as a stand-alone CPD unit or as part of the MSc Advanced Practice Health and Social Care or MSc Advanced Physiotherapy Practice.

## Assessment

This unit is assessed by a poster presentation and viva. Students will create a poster based on an identified area of clinical practice that requires review of the literature and development. Students will have ten minutes to present the key features of the poster and then a fifteen-minute viva where the examiners will ask questions related to the student's poster and presentation.

## Where is it delivered?

This unit is delivered at our Manchester Campus.



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