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Bio

BIO

Dr. Govindarajan is a health services researcher with expertise in emergency medical services and healthcare systems. The goals of her research are to improve access to specialized centers for acute stroke care (thrombolysis-capable and thrombectomy-capable centers) through early detection of stroke in the prehospital setting.

Following her widely-cited (initial work on stroke detection by emergency medical services, she received a career development award (K08 HS17965) from the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality to study the impact of a stroke destination protocol for emergency service providers that increased access to primary stroke centers in two California counties. The findings from this work has led to a national study on the effectiveness of a stroke destination protocol for emergency medical service providers and is funded by the Agency of Health Care Research and Quality (R01 HS026207). Her collaborators are scientists at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention) and Stanford-Surgery Policy Improvement Research and Education.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Emergency Medicine
- Stroke
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health Services Research
- Neurologic emergencies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor - University Medical Line, Emergency Medicine

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Vice-Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, (2019- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Certificate of Honor in Pathology, Madras Medical College (1994)
- David Frommer Award for Academic Excellence, Boston Medical Center (2005)

- Essential Core Teaching Award for “Inspirational Teaching.” (“Danovic Case”), University of California, San Francisco (2008)
- Dean’s Prize for Clinical and Translational research (Student: Benjamin Friedman), University of California, San Francisco (2012)
- Save of the Month, Emergency Med, Stanford University Medical Center (2017)
- Named “Top 50 Peer reviewer for 2018”, Annals of Emergency Medicine, the premier journal in emergency medicine (2019)
- R01026207-01A1, Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Department of Health and Human Services (07/2019)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (2001 - present)
- Member, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (2007 - present)
- Neurological Emergencies IG, SAEM (2014 - present)
- Member, Grants Committee, Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (2015 - 2016)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Internship: Boston University School of Medicine (2002) MA
- Fellowship: University Of San Diego (2007) CA
- Fellowship, University of California San Diego , Emergency Medical Services (2007)
- Board Certification: Emergency Medicine, American Board of Emergency Medicine (2006)
- MAS, University of California-San Diego , Clinical Research (2007)
- Residency: Boston Medical Center (2005) MA
- Residency, Boston Medical Center , Emergency Medicine (2005)
- Internship, Boston University Medical Center , Medicine (2002)
- Medical Education: Madras Medical College and Government General Hospital (1997) India
- MBBS, Madras Medical College , Medicine (1997)

LINKS

- Collaborator - S-SPIRE: <https://med.stanford.edu/s-spire.html>
- Mixed Methods Workshop Course Faculty: <https://med.stanford.edu/s-spire.html/mixed-methods-course.html>
- Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab: ai.stanford.edu

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My current research focuses on using large databases to understand the effect of state or county-wide public policy on health care outcomes (specifically stroke). Our team is also exploring how patient safety, effective and equitable care in acute stroke management can be achieved using technology.

PROJECTS

- Improving Field Assessment of Stroke - Stanford University and Woodside Fire Department
- Effect of a Stroke Bypass on Outcomes in a National Sample - Stanford University
- Effect of a two-tier stroke bypass on a thrombectomy rates - Stanford University, UCLA and County of Los Angeles Emergency Medical Services
- Variability in the physician management of suspected sub-arachnoid hemorrhage - Stanford University

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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2021
- **Prehospital Identification of Large Vessel Occlusions Using Modified National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale: A Pilot Study.** *Frontiers in neurology*
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- **Trends in Intravenous Alteplase Use and Mortality Among Medicare Beneficiaries With Acute Stroke: A Eight-Year Retrospective Analysis**
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- **Eight-year Trends in Ambulance Use in a National Sample of Medicare Beneficiaries With Stroke**
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LIPPINCOTT WILLIAMS & WILKINS.2020
- **Are EMS bypass policies effective implementation strategies for intravenous alteplase for stroke?** *Implementation science communications*
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- **Assessment of Sensitivity and Specificity of Patient-Collected Lower Nasal Specimens for Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Testing.** *JAMA network open*
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2016; 87 (1): 19-26
- **PARAMEDIC PERSPECTIVES ON BARRIERS TO PREHOSPITAL ACUTE STROKE RECOGNITION** *PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE*
Hodell, E., Hughes, S. D., Corry, M., Kivlehan, S., Resler, B., Sheon, N., Govindarajan, P.
2016; 20 (3): 415-424
- **Race and sex disparities in prehospital recognition of acute stroke.** *Academic emergency medicine : official journal of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine*
Govindarajan, P., Friedman, B. T., Delgadillo, J. Q., Ghilarducci, D., Cook, L. J., Grimes, B., McCulloch, C. E., Johnston, S. C.
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- **Prehospital aspirin administration for acute coronary syndrome (ACS) in the USA: an EMS quality assessment using the NEMSIS 2011 database.** *Emergency medicine journal : EMJ*
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- **National trends in the utilization of emergency medical services for acute myocardial infarction and stroke.** *The western journal of emergency medicine*
Tataris, K., Kivlehan, S., Govindarajan, P.
2014; 15 (7): 744-748
- **Regional Differences in Emergency Medical Services Use for Patients with Acute Stroke (Findings from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Emergency Department Data File)** *JOURNAL OF STROKE & CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES*
Govindarajan, P., Gonzales, R., Maselli, J. H., Johnston, S. C., Fahimi, J., Poisson, S., Stein, J. C.
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- **Practice variability among the EMS systems participating in Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)** *RESUSCITATION*
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PRESENTATIONS

- Regionalization of Acute Stroke Care and Treatment Outcomes: Trends Over a Five Year Period - Clinical Cerebrovascular Conference (8/22/2016)
- Triage to Thrombolysis - Community - Stroke Neurologists, Prehospital Providers and Nurses (5/20/2016)
- iTREAT and mNIHSS for Fire and First Responders - 2016 Annual EMS Stroke Symposium: A Matter of Time Conference Program (10/18/2016)
- Stroke Regionalization on Access and Treatment Rates - S-SPIRE (5/24/2017)
- SHARED - Shared Decision Making in Spontaneous Sub-Arachnoid Hemorrhage - Western Regional Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (4/8/2017)