

Proposed Roster

Neurology (New Appointment)

NQF filled gaps in the following areas: patients/consumer advocates

Committee Members

Mary Kay Ballasiotes

Executive Director, International Alliance for Pediatric Stroke Charlotte, North Carolina

Mary Kay Ballasiotes has been an advocate for pediatric stroke for more than 20 years, after learning her third child had suffered a prenatal stroke. She started a support group for families in the Chicago area, and is now the founder and executive director for a global non-profit, *International Alliance for Pediatric Stroke*. Mary Kay was also a PCORI patient reviewer and mentor for 5 years, providing the patient perspective for evaluating patient-centered healthcare study proposals. Ms. Ballasiotes served on the DSMB for an NIH clinical trial for tPA use in children and is currently a member of the University of North Carolina Stroke Patient, Family and Community Advisory Board. Mary Kay continues to collaborate with the American Heart/American Stroke Association on various healthcare issues, which has included speaking at a Congressional Briefing in 2017 in support of the Affordable Care Act.