



# StrokeNet

An On-line Stroke Support Community

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Title: Guidelines for the StrokeNet Blog

Purpose: To provide information outlining The Stroke Network's guidelines regarding the manner in which the StrokeNet Blog will be managed, in accordance with the Web 2.0 rules of the [HonCode](#).

General Guidelines - information about the StrokeNet Blog and on submitting information

1. The StrokeNet Blog is an editorial, the personal experiences, practical suggestions and opinion topics of the [CEO](#) for The Stroke Network.
  - a. Some blog posts may refer to 3<sup>rd</sup> party links, which may provide medical information.
2. The blog only offers practical advice.
3. Medical suggestions and recommendations is not offered unless it is based on personal experience.
  - a. See the Stroke Network [Medical Disclaimer](#).
4. The StrokeNet Blog is moderated by the [CEO](#).
  - a. All comments are welcome.
    - i. Comments will be reviewed, within 24 hours, prior to being published.
  - b. Only non-medical advice and comments relative to the blog subject will be approved.
  - c. Only practical advice and meaningful comments will be accepted.
  - d. Spam and advertisements will not be approved.
5. All contributors, by default, are non-medical professionals, unless stated.
6. All contributors to the blog, including the CEO, must behave at all times with respect and honesty.
7. Contributors making rude, flaming or offensive comments may be banned from submitting future comments.
  - a. The contributor will be contacted with a warning, by the CEO, prior to any such disciplinary action.

### Confidentiality - privacy information

1. Refer to The Stroke Network [Privacy Policy](#) regarding confidentiality of data.
2. The StrokeNet Blog is considered a *public forum*.
  - a. Refer to The Stroke Network [Privacy Policy](#) for an explanation, specifically concerning a *public forum*, and further information.
3. All comments are non-editable.
  - a. [Click here](#), and select the Feedback selection from the Contact dropdown menu, should you need to ask the CEO to edit or delete a comment.

### Attribution - the source of the content

1. All contributors must provide references (links for ex.) to the health/medical information they provide.
  - a. Contributors must distinguish whether their comments are from personal experience or opinion, 3<sup>rd</sup> party information, etc.
    - i. What is meant by personal experience is anything the person has undergone himself/herself.

### Justifiability - Claims included in the StrokeNet Blog

1. All contributors must clearly state that their post information is true and correct to their knowledge.

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