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## Episode 5: RACE(ing) to Improve Stroke Care

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### **GUESTS:**

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### **OVERVIEW:**

Dr. Chris Martin-Gill presents the Rapid Arterial Occlusion Evaluation Scale, or RACE exam. The RACE exam aims to identify those patients suffering from large vessel occlusion, who may benefit from triage to an interventional stroke center. Dr. Martin-Gill outlines the EMSI Regional Protocol directing local providers on how and when to apply the exam in patient care.

### **CITATIONS:**

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