





# Why Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke?

**Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke** is an in-hospital program for improving stroke care by promoting consistent adherence to the latest scientific treatment guidelines. Over 2,000 hospitals have entered more than 6 million patient records into the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke database since its initiation in 2003. Numerous published studies demonstrate the program's success in achieving measurable patient outcome improvements.

- Each year, around 795,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke.
- On average someone in the United States has a stroke every 45 seconds.
- In 2017, the direct and indirect costs of stroke were approximately \$50 billion and \$35 billion respectively.

Stroke is a major public health concern as well as a financial burden to the health care system. Consistently providing evidence-based care is key to improving patient outcomes and managing costs. Get With The Guidelines-Stroke provides hospitals tools and resources in order to improve adherence to the latest evidence-based treatment guidelines.

## How Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Works:

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|   | <p>Hospitals enter or upload clinical data into the Patient Management Tool (PMT), powered by IQVIA. The PMT provides real-time data reports to show how hospitals are adhering to the latest guidelines-based measures.</p>   | <p><b>Using the PMT, hospitals can:</b><br/>01. generate data quality reports, risk adjusted mortality reports and patient-level reports*; 02. conduct real-time data checks to identify potential errors prior to submission; 03. benchmark by hospital size, region and other variables; 04. access point-of-care patient education materials.</p> |
|  | <p>The American Heart Association national quality improvement team works with hospitals to identify opportunities and implement plans to improve quality.</p>   |  |
|  | <p>Hospitals improve care and outcomes for patients through real-time quality improvement and by contributing to research that recognizes disparities in care and informs future treatment guidelines.</p>   |  |
|  | <p>Hospitals that perform at an award-winning level are nationally recognized by AHA. To earn recognition for program performance, a hospital team must attain established levels of adherence to Get With The Guidelines-Stroke achievement measures. In addition to Get With The Guidelines, participation in Target: Stroke offers additional</p> | <p>resources and tracking of time sensitive stroke care. Public recognition for program performance helps hospitals hone a competitive edge in the marketplace by providing patients and stakeholders with tangible evidence of their commitment to improving quality care.</p>  |

\*Patient-level reports are de-identified.

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## Added Benefits for Participating Hospitals:



**Data:** Data collection and feedback help identify opportunities for improvement, compare performance to other hospitals and reduce noncompliance and medical errors.



**Educational Opportunities:** Gain access to the most up-to-date research, scientific publications, clinical tools and patient education resources. Receive invitations to webinars, workshops and teleconferences.



**Recognition:** Receive public recognition at conferences, in national and local publications, and on the American Heart Association website. Share your hospital's measure performance by opting in to Get With The Guidelines Public Reporting.



**Support:** Gain personalized and hospital specific support from our national quality improvement team.



**Cost Effectiveness:** Low enrollment fees and discounts for hospitals participating in multiple Get With The Guidelines modules help make our programs affordable. Additionally, we offer uploading capability and a number of vendors support data interface solutions for our programs.

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Interested in learning more about Get With The Guidelines-Stroke? Visit [Heart.org/Quality](https://www.heart.org/Quality) to learn more and to get in contact with an American Heart Association team member.