

GWTG Public Reporting Overview

Overview

Enrollment in Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) demonstrates a hospital's commitment towards improving patient care. The American Heart Association® is committed to pursuing opportunities that further showcase hospitals participating in GWTG by publicly reporting their performance in our programs. Participating hospitals can publicly report their Performance Achievement measures, at no additional cost, in any module (Time to intravenous thrombolytic therapy-60m measure will be included for Stroke). This is an opportunity for:

- improved consumer awareness of health care options and patient care decisions
- potential participation in various national hospital rankings (e.g., U.S. News and World Report's)
- credit from health plans for voluntary public reporting
- highlighting successes and targeted areas for improvement

Details about the process

- Hospitals may opt-in to publicly report any GWTG module, in which they participate. Opt-in is module specific, so hospitals may choose to select all modules they participate in or a subset of their choosing.
- Data will be updated annually in late Spring and will represent the previous years' data.
- While opt-in is only once a year, hospitals may opt-out at any time by emailing AHA.QIContracts@heart.org
- Those hospitals not opting-in will be asked if they wish to opt-in during the annual Spring opt-in cycle. Note, organizations already opting-in will not be asked again.
- Public Reporting of GWTG Data are located at, <https://qualitynearme.heart.org/gwtgpublicreporting>
- Additional details can be found in the [FAQ](#)

What users will see

- The website includes consumer friendly language that highlights why public reporting is important, how it may be helpful to patients, and what significance these measures may have for their health.
- Users search for nearby hospitals by entering a zip code or city/state, and selecting the program(s) of interest.
- Results display the achievement [measures](#) for the program(s) selected
 - The header includes an information icon providing a description of the measure as well as information on why the measure is important.
 - Each measure displays the numerator and denominator, and the percent achieved.
 - There is a minimum volume of 30 records annually, or attestation of 100% submission with a minimum of 6 patients per measure. If the criteria are not met, "Volume too low to report" is displayed.