

To:
Date:
From: Dr. Eric Fisher

Re: Stroke Measure Score
Stroke Abstraction Month, Year
Case ID:

You are receiving this communication due to patients under your care that have missing elements of stroke treatment indicators and your documentation does not represent all aspects of stroke treatment care.

Per the American Heart Association Get with the Guidelines (GWTG) Stroke Program one or all of the following indicators were not met:

Stroke Treatment	Missing Measure Data
Door to Needle time for tP-A: According to Joint Commission, the recommended Door to Needle Time for tP-A administration is 60 minutes or less.	
Activation of Code Stroke: According to our Code Stroke Policy based on the Acute Stroke Ready Certification, all patients that present with clinical signs and/or symptoms of an acute stroke within 4.5 hours of onset, a Code Stroke must be activated for management of further treatment.	
t-PA Consideration: An acknowledgement for the consideration of tP-A administration is required for patients that present with signs and/or symptoms of an acute stroke within 4.5 hours of onset. If the patient has exclusion criteria, it must be documented.	
NIHSS Documentation: National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) is a tool used to objectively quantify the impairments caused by a stroke. This tool is nationally recognized and can be used as a baseline for recognition of future disability. An NIHSS is required on all patients who present with stroke-like symptoms.	
Dysphagia Screening Order: The Provider orders a dysphagia screen for each stroke patient. Patients screened for dysphagia prior to receiving any oral intake meds, food or drink.	

Thanks,

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