

Get With The GuidelinesSM Patient Management Tool[®]

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Ensure Continuous Quality Improvement in Patient Care for Stroke and Heart Failure



Continuous Quality Improvement

Implementing the GWTG programs will benefit your patients and your hospital because increasing adherence to these guidelines will improve the treatment and outcomes of patients under your care. These programs help hospitals establish rapid cycle continuous quality improvement in patient care by identifying individuals (champions and/or team leaders) to lead, develop, and mobilize teams to implement critical pathways and discharge protocols for admitted patients.

Get With The GuidelinesSM

In partnership with Outcome, the American Heart Association (AHA) created two premier Get With The GuidelinesSM (GWTG) programs designed to help hospitals ensure continuous quality improvement in patient care for Stroke and Heart Failure patients. GWTG focuses on care team protocols to ensure that patients are treated and discharged appropriately. The program aims to help ensure that eligible patients are initiated on guideline recommended therapies and receive appropriate counseling prior to hospital discharge. These award-winning* programs have a proven track record of success. With more than 1,500 hospitals participating and more than 1 million patients enrolled, the GWTG programs are estimated to be able to save more than 80,000 people annually if 75% of the eligible patients discharged are treated at an 85% compliance rate with the AHA/ACC Secondary Prevention guidelines.

Easily Manage and Submit Your Data

Access Outcome's Get With The Guideline Patient Management Tools[®] (PMT[®]) from any computer connected to the Internet—there is no software to install and all updates are performed centrally, so you never need to worry about upgrades. Outcome's web-based system includes an array of value-added features from "smart forms," to site-specific data collection. Our comprehensive reporting tools provide hospitals a host of standard reports available for on-demand generation in an array of graphical and tabular formats.

The PMT is an easy to use, one-page online form that requires minimal input but provides a powerful set of features to meet clinical, quality, accreditation, and research needs. GWTG is flexible to meet multiple needs in your institution from improving patient information and communication with referring physicians, to transmitting information to third parties such as the Joint Commission.

GWTG Modules

Stroke

Ensures continuous quality improvement of acute stroke treatment and ischemic stroke prevention.

Heart Failure

Improves the quality of care in patients hospitalized with heart failure.

*2002 CMS Common Knowledge Award from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS). 2004 Innovation in Prevention Award from the U.S. Dept. of HHS. 2007 eHealth Initiative Award.

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Benefits of Get With The GuidelinesSM

Improve Treatment and Discharge Protocols

These programs begin with an assessment of your hospital's current acute treatment and discharge protocols, which will provide a baseline against which you will compare your future results and measure your success. By using the program's tools, you can achieve continuous quality improvements in your acute treatment and discharge procedures. These tools are easy to use and will assist you in addressing each patient's needs. GWTG focuses on interventions such as:

- Smoking cessation counseling
- Lipid lowering therapy
- ACE inhibitor use
- Blood pressure treatment
- Beta blocker use
- Weight and exercise management
- Diabetes management
- Atrial fibrillation management
- Aspirin or other antithrombotic medication
- Alcohol and drug abuse management

Unique Features

Access real-time hospital-specific and aggregate benchmarking reports that can be printed or incorporated into presentations.

Check the most current guidelines, customized to the patient at hand and automatically generate and print customized patient education materials.

Easily manage your data by adding custom data fields, downloading data on-demand, and exporting data at any time. Built-in validation checks keep your data clean and accurate. Continuity of Care Record (CCR) functionality allows improvement across the care continuum.

Transmit data to third parties such as the Joint Commission (JC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Use the JC-enhanced version of the Stroke PMT[®] as a simple, integrated solution to align with the JC Primary Stroke Center Certification Performance Measurement Requirements.

Getting Started

1. To begin the process, each hospital must sign a Participating Hospital Agreement (PHA). For a copy of the PHA or more information on system requirements, security policies, or contract questions, please call Outcome toll-free at 888-526-6700 or send an email to support@outcome.com. Send a signed copy of the PHA to:
OUTCOME
201 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02139
2. After receiving your Agreement, Outcome will schedule a training.
3. Once trained, you are immediately able to input data and access all of the system features, including real-time reports, referral notes, and patient education materials.
4. After entering 30 records into the system and meeting the accompanying criteria, your hospital will be eligible to receive the first level of GWTG recognition from the AHA.
5. With documented consistently high levels of compliance with the appropriate Guidelines as specified by the AHA, your hospital becomes eligible for the GWTG Performance Achievement Award!

Affordable

For a low annual fee per module, hospitals have up to ten user accounts. This fee covers the teleconference training for your site and help desk support. Additional fees apply for transmission of data to third parties such as Joint Commission, CMS, or other groups specified by the site.

Learn More

If you need help setting up your hospital team, implementation plan, or order sets, please visit the AHA's GWTG web site at www.americanheart.org/getwiththeguidelines or send an email to guidelineinfo@heart.org.

VIEW A DEMO
See how the GWTG programs can benefit your hospital and patients during an online demo, Tuesdays at 11am EST and Thursdays at 4pm EST.

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