

**The Joint Commission 10 Harmonized Stroke Measures**  
*Facilities that are Primary Stroke Center (PSC) Certified and/or those considering PSC Certification should strive for  $\geq 80\%$  compliance with these 10 measures*

**DVT Prophylaxis Stroke-1**

Percent of patients with an ischemic stroke or a hemorrhagic stroke and who are non-ambulatory who receive DVT prophylaxis by end of hospital day two.

**Antithrombotics at Discharge Stroke-2**

Percent of patients with an ischemic stroke prescribed antithrombotic therapy at discharge.

**Anticoagulation for Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Stroke-3**

Percent of patients with an ischemic stroke with atrial fibrillation/flutter receiving anticoagulation therapy.

**t-PA Administration Stroke-4**

Percent of acute ischemic stroke patients who arrive at the hospital within 120 minutes (2 hours) of time last known well and for whom IV t-PA was initiated at this hospital within 180 minutes (3 hours) of time last known well.

**Early Antithrombotics Stroke-5**

Percent of patients with ischemic stroke who receive antithrombotic therapy by the end of hospital day two.

**LDL 100 - Discharged on Cholesterol Reducers Stroke-6**

Percent of Ischemic stroke patients with LDL > 100, or LDL not measured, or on cholesterol-reducer prior to admission, who are discharged on cholesterol reducing drugs.

**\* Dysphagia Screen Stroke-7**

Percent of patients with ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke who undergo screening for dysphagia with an evidence-based bedside testing protocol approved by the hospital before being given any food, fluids, or medication by mouth.

**Stroke Education Stroke-8**

Percent of patients with ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke or their caregivers who were given education and/or educational materials during the hospital stay addressing ALL of the following: personal risk factors for stroke, warning signs for stroke, activation of emergency medical system, need for follow-up after discharge, and medications prescribed at discharge.

**\* Smoking Cessation Stroke-9**

Percent of patients with ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke with a history of smoking cigarettes, who are, or whose caregivers are, given smoking cessation advice or counseling during hospital stay.

**Assessed for Rehabilitation Services Stroke-10**

Percent of patients with an ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke who were assessed for rehabilitation services.

\* CMS/NQF Recommended Stroke Core Measures to exclude Dysphagia and Smoking Cessation Effective October 1, 2009

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