

**Metrics for Measuring Quality of Care in Comprehensive Stroke Centers: Detailed Follow-Up to Brain Attack Coalition Comprehensive Stroke Center Recommendations**

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Metrics pertaining to Acute Ischemic Stroke

**Metric 1:** Percentage of patients who have an ischemic stroke or who have a TIA with a deficit at the time of the initial admitting note or neurology consultation note for whom an NIHSS score is documented

Core Metric: Yes

Application: Ischemic stroke, TIA

**Metric 2:** Percentage of ischemic stroke patients eligible for intravenous thrombolysis who receive it within the appropriate time window

Core Metric: Yes

Application: Ischemic stroke seen within 4.5 hrs. of patient last being seen at baseline

**Metric 3:** Percentage of patients who are treated for acute ischemic stroke with intravenous thrombolysis whose treatment is started  $\leq 60$  minutes after arrival

Core Metric: Yes

Application: Ischemic stroke treated with intravenous thrombolysis

**Metric 4:** Median time from arrival to start of multimodal CT or MR brain and vascular imaging (MRI/MRA or CT/CTA) for ischemic stroke patients arriving within 6 hours of the time that they were last known to be at baseline, if 1 of these studies is ordered

Core Metric: Yes

Application: Ischemic stroke seen within 6 hrs. of patient last being known to be at baseline

**Metric 5:** Percentage of ischemic stroke patients seen within 6 hrs. of the time they were last known to be at baseline who have documentation that an endovascular recanalization not to be appropriate or possible. A reason should be documented if an endovascular procedure was not performed.

Core Metric: No

Application: Ischemic stroke seen within 6 hrs. of patient last being known to be at baseline

**Metric 6:** Median time from arrival to start of treatment for acute ischemic stroke patients undergoing an endovascular intervention

Core Metric: No

Application: Ischemic stroke treated with endovascular intervention

**Metric 7:** Percentage of patients treated with intravenous thrombolysis who have a symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage within 36 hours of treatment

Core Metric: Yes

Application: Ischemic stroke treated with intravenous thrombolysis

**Metric 8:** Percentage of acute ischemic stroke patients treated with endovascular interventions who develop significant intracranial hemorrhage within 36 hours of treatment

Core Metric: Yes

Application: Ischemic stroke treated with endovascular intervention

**Metric 9:** Percentage of acute ischemic stroke patients who are treated with intravenous thrombolysis or who undergo endovascular interventions for whom there is documentation of a 90-day mRS score

Core Metric: Yes

Application: Ischemic stroke treated with intravenous thrombolysis or endovascular procedure