

Benefits of Participation in the Minnesota Stroke Registry

1. **Data collection tool and analysis.** Our secure online data entry tool, the Minnesota Stroke Registry Tool (MSRT) is available to all participating hospitals at no cost. Hospitals may also participate in the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines – Stroke program and have the annual fee covered as part of participation in the Minnesota Stroke Registry.
2. **Data analysis, interpretation, and translation support.** We provide reports on performance indicators and conduct other data analysis upon requested.
3. **Real-time Performance Comparisons.** Compare your performance measure data to other Minnesota hospitals and hospitals nationwide.
4. **Funding.** The Minnesota Stroke Registry currently provides limited grant funds to reimburse hospitals for their participation in quality improvement and data collection efforts.
5. **Recognition.** The Minnesota Stroke Registry is developing a program that will recognize hospitals that perform well on quality indicators.
6. **Visibility.** Participation in the Minnesota Stroke Registry will increase the visibility of your program and your hospital's capacity for stroke care.
7. **Association with a state and federal program.** Minnesota Stroke Registry hospitals are able to identify themselves as a participant in the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Registry Program, which is highly visible, statewide and nationally. In addition, the results from this program may have an impact on future policy decisions on acute stroke patient care.
8. **Opportunity to help improve patient care.** The Minnesota Stroke Registry program staff works with hospitals to improve the systems that support physicians, nurses, and all of the health care professionals involved in acute stroke patient care. Patients will ultimately be the beneficiaries – in other words, wherever a patient goes for his acute stroke care, he or she will be assured of receiving the highest quality of care available.