

COVERDELL STROKE CHAMPION AGREEMENT

This agreement represents our hospital's commitment to partner with the Wisconsin Coverdell Stroke Program ("Coverdell") to improve stroke systems of care. **As a Coverdell Stroke Champion**, we agree to achieve the following and receive technical assistance from Coverdell staff **through June 29, 2024** with an expectation of annual efforts related to stroke care and education, as described below.

- **Identify a primary staff contact for the program.** (e.g., Stroke Coordinator or Stroke Performance Improvement Lead).
- **Monitor data across the stroke care continuum.** Initial core measures for the stroke registry will focus on acute care. However, registry participants are encouraged to consider the benefits and feasibility of monitoring patient care across the stroke care continuum using Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG's) free Special Initiatives (pre-arrival) and Discharge, Mortality & Readmission (post-discharge) care tabs.
- **Follow-up of high risk patients after discharge** by exploring the use of a Patient Navigator and/or Community Health Worker with data entry into the Discharge, Mortality & Readmission care tab.
- **Submit quarterly data to the state stroke registry.** Identify at least one data abstractor (e.g., Stroke Coordinator or other) who will abstract and submit blinded stroke performance data using the GWTG tool. Chart abstractions are highly encouraged to be entered into the registry within 45 days after the end of each quarter.
- **Implement stroke quality improvement.** Use GWTG data to develop and implement at least one QI initiative annually to improve the transition of care from EMS to the hospital or hospital to home.
- **Collaborate with EMS providers to improve transitions of care.**
- **Engage in collaboration with Community Health Workers and/or Patient Navigators** in the prevention (primary, secondary, tertiary) of stroke occurrence and mitigation of stroke effects
- **Engage in the Coverdell Learning Collaborative.** Best practices are shared, and program blinded data is reviewed to identify areas where stroke care can be improved. Participate in 75% of quarterly meetings (in-person or by phone) and performance challenges.
- **Complete quarterly data re-abstraction.** Participate in quarterly re-abstraction process to enhance data validity and reliability. The Coverdell Program will analyze data for concordance and provide a QI Report. Hospitals have the option to discuss this report via a site visit or teleconference with the Coverdell Stroke Project Specialist.
- **Complete an annual hospital inventory** about basic stroke program information. Data from the inventory is blinded and analyzed in aggregate for annual review.

Coverdell program staff agrees to support Stroke Champions in the following ways:

- Provide learning opportunities for stroke teams.
- Share resources for stroke QI and community stroke education.
- Coordinate the development of Coverdell-related abstracts and presentations (e.g., for professional meetings), where appropriate.
- Safely and securely manage all de-identified data submitted by the hospital.
- Maintain chart re-abstraction results according to CDC standards for quality and security.
- Facilitate peer-to-peer and mentoring opportunities between hospitals to share best practices.

Statement of Acknowledgement: By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have the authority to commit our hospital to partner with the Wisconsin Coverdell Stroke Program and that our organization agrees to complete the activities outlined above. I understand that this is a completely voluntary program and that we may exit the program at any time.

Coverdell Stroke Champions will be listed on the stroke program's website and the hospital will receive a press release template acknowledging this relationship that can be used for local publicity.

Hospital Name (as it should appear on the Coverdell website)

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Stroke Coordinator or Stroke Performance Improvement Lead

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To participate please complete, sign and return this memorandum of understanding to:

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