



## Coverdell Stroke Hospital 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 Hospital Partner**, we agree to achieve the following and receive technical assistance from Coverdell staff **through June 29, 2029** with an expectation of annual efforts related 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.** The stroke registry will include collection of **pre-arrival and acute care** measures using Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG's).
- **Follow-up of high-risk patients after discharge.** Registry participants are encouraged to consider the benefits and feasibility of monitoring patient care across the stroke care continuum by abstracting post-discharge measures.
- **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 encouraged to be entered into the registry within 45 days after the end of each quarter.
- **Collaborate with Community Based Organizations and EMS providers to improve transitions of care.**
- **Engage in the Hospital Learning Collaborative (Formerly known as 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 virtually) 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 virtually 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 Hospitals 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 the limited data set 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.
- As a Coverdell Hospital Partner your site will be listed on the stroke program's website and you will receive a press release template acknowledging this relationship that can be used for local publicity.

☐ **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.

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

Street address	City	State	ZIP code
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Contact name

Phone number	Email (department and/or contact person)
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Name and title of authorized person

Signature – Authorized person	Date signed
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**To participate return the complete, signed memorandum of understanding via email to [dhscoverdellstroke@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhscoverdellstroke@dhs.wisconsin.gov)**

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