

Georgia Paul Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry



Monthly Update August, 2006

The Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry's Steering Committee is holding another "Kickoff Workshop" for NEW Coverdell participants. The workshop will offer attendees the opportunity to gain information on the background of the Coverdell Registry and the need for stroke advancements, as well as training on the Patient Management Tool. Running concurrently will be an "Advanced Training Workshop" for current users who would like further instruction on the reporting features of the Patient Management Tool. These workshops will be offered on September 11th and 25th at the Georgia Hospital Association.

The Coverdell Stroke Registry is continuing to recruit more facilities for participation. Currently there are 41 facilities enrolled in the registry.

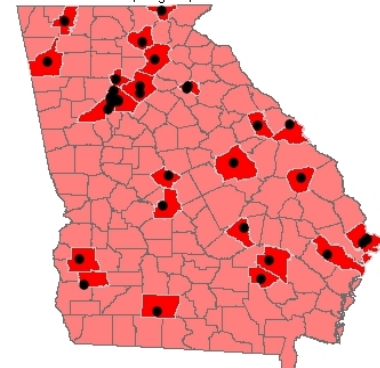
If contracts have been received by your facility, please submit them to the project manager Kerrie Krompf at: kkrompf@emory.edu.

- The registry will continue to offer information on best practices as well as promote hospital collaboration. If your facility has made advances that you would like to share, please contact us so that we can highlight your successes.

- The inter-rater reliability checks are proving to be an asset for the stroke registry. Your compliance with GMCF's process of requesting and receiving patient charts is greatly appreciated. The results will be used to make the data abstraction process more meaningful and user friendly.

- Results from the Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry's Pilot Program can be obtained by visiting:

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<http://stroke.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/full/36/6/1232>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kerrie Krompf at: kkrompf@emory.edu and she will present the information to the steering committee or necessary parties.

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Quick Notes:

- The Coverdell Stroke Registry will hold workshops on September 11th and 25th.
- Georgia's Coverdell Registry has 15 new hospitals.
- 24 hospitals were represented on August's conference call.

Stroke and Neurovascular Services at Alexian Brothers Hospital

This month's conference call involved presentations by representatives from Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Wende Fedder, Tracy Foss, and Chris Babashka explained the processes and procedures used by their hospital to address dysphagia screening

The Alexian Brothers Performance Improvement Structure seeks to align structure to support quality, focus on processes, create a team based program, use steering committees, make the work process flow smoothly, and determine the education needs of the staff. They developed a system-wide approach to dysphagia screening, that included speech pathology evaluations, nurse swallow screens, the establishment of a new documentation form (one form, in one place in the chart), and review of clinical outcomes including aspiration. They established a performance measure of dysphagia screenings being performed before any oral intake is

initiated. Data relating to this performance measure are collected and analyzed on a quarterly basis. The results regarding the level of compliance with the performance measure are reported to the hospital's stroke task force, network stroke performance improvement meetings, hospital-specific quality improvement meetings, and the chief executive officers.

The representatives from Alexian Brothers Hospital also described three phases of dysphagia (oral, pharyngeal, and esophageal), signs associated with swallowing problems (temperature spikes, difficulty swallowing, nasal regurgitation, etc), and complications of dysphagia (aspiration).

If you would like to receive further information about the presentation, please contact Kerrie Krompf.

Listed below are links related to dysphagia screening.

- <http://stroke.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/full/36/9/1972>
- <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/difficulty-swallowing/DS00523>