



Georgia Paul Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry

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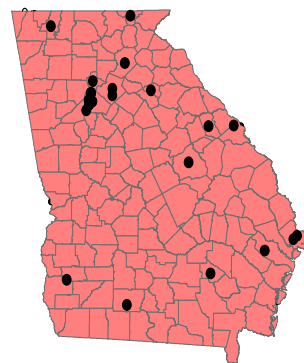
Updates 1

The Coverdell Stroke Registry is currently in the process of recruiting more facilities. Currently we have 24 facilities enrolled in the registry. On completion of this years enrollment phase, we anticipate at least twice as many facilities. Additional hospitals will bring more awareness and information into the care of acute stroke patients.

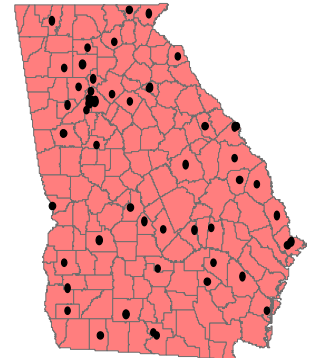
Technical workshop 1

- The facilities have been doing a wonderful job abstracting data. Despite our slow beginning we have managed to capture more than 2500 stroke cases, to date. Keep up the good work.

- The American Heart/Stroke Association has the technology to calculate financial loses due to a lack of stroke protocols within hospitals. If current or prospective Coverdell facilities would like to know the financial benefits of participating in the Coverdell / Get With The Guidelines Program please contact Mary Robichaux at:



Current Coverdell Coverage



Projected Coverdell Coverage

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- We are currently in the process of adding more quality improvement personnel to provide assistance to hospitals with data abstraction and technicalities associated with the development and maintenance of an adequate stroke program. Once this transformation is complete, each hospital will be notified of the additions.

Please refer any questions, concerns, or ideas about the Coverdell Stroke Registry to Kerrie Krompf (kkrompf@emory.edu) and she will present the information to the steering committee or necessary parties.

Quick Notes:

- The Coverdell Stroke Registry will be offering more hospital assistance to advance stroke care.
- 68 people were present at the Celebration of Success and Pursuit of Clinical Excellence Workshop.
- 20 hospitals were represented at the workshop.
- Each Coverdell facility is making wonderful progression with acute stroke care.

AHA/ASA and the Coverdell Registry's "Best Practice" Workshop

On June 6, 2006 the American Heart / Stroke Association and the Coverdell Partners hosted a "Celebration of Success and Pursuit of Clinical Excellence Workshop" in Atlanta, Georgia. The workshop was attended by 68 individuals from the AHA/ASA, the Coverdell Stroke Registry, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and hospitals participating or planning to participate in the Coverdell/ "Get With The Guidelines" program.

The workshop consisted of valuable presentations by JCAHO Certified Stroke Facilities, the AHA/ASA, Coverdell's Lead Neurologist, and most importantly a two-time stroke survivor. JCAHO Certified facilities gave insight on different procedures and policies that would help promote the establishment of JCAHO Certification. Representatives from these facilities offered great information during the panel discussion that brought security and understanding to others who are anticipating the certification process.

The AHA/ASA representative, Mary Robichaux, gave an overview of the advancements of the GWTG tool. She

also demonstrated the benefits of altering stroke care by using stroke protocols. With the use of accounting based programs she was able to determine the financial loss encountered by the state, due to the lack of stroke protocols.

Dr. Frankel, Lead Neurologist of the Coverdell Stroke Registry, offered great insight about the accomplishments and future of the registry. His presentation focused on the benefits of participating in the registry and the need for statewide advances in acute stroke care. Dr. Frankel also pointed out that currently Georgia leads the country in the number of hospitals that have received JCAHO Primary Stroke Certification (14).

The presentation by the guest speaker conveyed awareness of the importance of excellent stroke care and quickly gained attention from the hospital representatives. This individual spoke of personal experiences with stroke and the importance of this state advancing in the arena of acute stroke care. The presenter gave information from the beginning of his episode through hospital discharge. He also stressed how the in-depth knowledge of stroke care within the facility he was admitted to, enabled him to achieve a complete recovery.