



# Georgia Paul Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry

## Newsletter

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### Coverdell Partners:

Georgia Division of Public Health (DPH)

Emory University School of Medicine

Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF)

American Stroke Association (ASA)

Georgia Hospital Association (GHA)

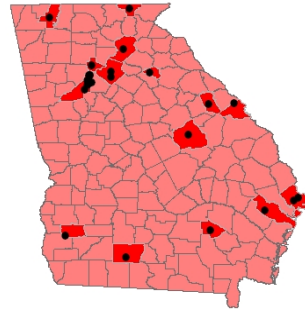
- To date: there are 51 hospitals in the GA Coverdell Stroke Registry
- Our website will soon be updated to include the 25 additional hospitals

The Georgia Coverdell Stroke Registry would like to welcome the 25 new registry hospitals: Appling Hospital, Athens Regional Medical Center, Chestatee Regional Hospital, DeKalb Medical Center, DeKalb Medical Center at Decatur, Emory Crawford Long Hospital, Habersham County Medical Center, Jenkins County Hospital, Medical Center of Central Georgia, Mountain Lakes Medical Center, Newnan Hospital, Palmyra Medical Center, Perry Hospital, Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Redmond Regional Medical Center, Screven County Hospital, Smith Northview Hospital, Southwest GA Regional Medical Center, Sumter Regional Hospital, The Medical Center, Walton Regional Medical Center, Wayne Memorial Hospital, Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, Wellstar Cobb Hospital. and Wheeler County Hospital

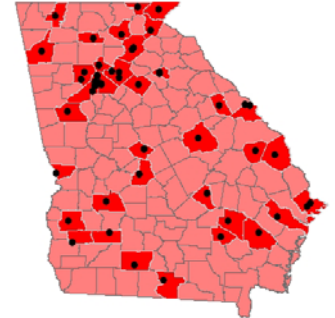
The maps at the top left show the growth in coverage of the Coverdell Hospitals from year one to years one and two combined.

To date, we have 51 hospitals in the registry and look forward to expanding this further in the future

Coverdell Facility Locations, Year 1



Coverdell Facility Locations, Year 1 & 2



Our year two “Kickoff” workshops were held September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the “Kickoff” workshop, we offered current Coverdell hospitals the opportunity to participate in a 2 ½ hour advanced data analysis workshop. Thank you to those that attended the “Kickoff” workshop and the advanced data analysis workshop.

One of our Coverdell partners, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association has just hired four additional quality improvement consultants to work with each of the hospitals on individual needs. Whether you want to know how to get started or are looking for

ways to analyze data in a more complex manner, the consultants will work with you to help you achieve your goals. Each of the consultants has been assigned a group of hospitals and you should be hearing from someone shortly.

To date we have nearly 4000 charts abstracted from our year one Coverdell hospitals and GMCF is working with all of you to obtain discharge lists. We are continuing to re-abstract charts for the purpose of inter-rater reliability assessment.

Questions? Contact Kerrie Krompf at ([kkrompf@emory.edu](mailto:kkrompf@emory.edu)) or 404-616-8741

## Submitting Monthly Discharge Lists

The Georgia Coverdell Stroke Registry requests that all participating hospitals submit monthly lists of all stroke discharges to GMCF. The registry uses these lists to evaluate the extent to which the data provided to the registry captures all stroke admissions at each hospital, and to generate a list of charts that will be re-reviewed for assessment of accuracy of data entry and inter-rater reliability of the data elements (for randomly selected hospitals only).

A letter has been sent to the medical records contact person at each hospital with detailed instructions for submitting these discharge lists. Please contact Tommy Bennett at GMCF (678-527-3645) if you have not received this letter or if you have questions about the requirements.

Some hospitals have had difficulty generating the required discharge lists. Thank you to Ms. Katja Bryant, who delivered a very helpful presentation on our monthly conference call describing how hospital information system queries can be constructed to generate the required discharge lists. Ms. Bryant included detailed instructions for building a query in Showcase, and had helpful general suggestions that were relevant to all hospital information systems.

If your hospital has had success in generating the required discharge lists, and you would be willing to provide assistance to other hospitals that use the same type of information system, please contact Kerrie Krompf at ([kkrompf@emory.edu](mailto:kkrompf@emory.edu)) or 404-616-8741. Similarly, if your hospital has had difficulty generating the required discharge lists and you would like to find someone from another hospital who would be available to assist you, please contact Kerrie Krompf.