

Disease-Specific Care Certification Program
STROKE Performance Measurement Implementation Guide,
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Preface

All organizations seeking Joint Commission Disease-Specific Care (DSC) Certification Primary Stroke Center Certification must utilize a set of 10 standardized performance measures in order to meet the performance measurement requirements for certification. Detailed information on the Joint Commission's DSC stroke measure set is available in this *Disease-Specific Care Certification Program Stroke Performance Measurement Implementation Guide, 2nd Edition, Version 2.a*. Effective January 1, 2009, Version 2.a measure specifications will replace those contained in the previous version.

The stroke measures were pilot tested by 30 certified organizations from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. Following recommendations from the DSC Stroke Advisory Panel, efforts to harmonize data elements common to the stroke measure set, the American Stroke Association's *Get WithThe GuidelinesSM* program, and the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Registry sponsored by the Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were initiated in May 2006. In January, 2008, a set of ten harmonized stroke measures were implemented.

Organizations seeking further information on the harmonized stroke measure set or the performance measurement requirements for DSC certification should e-mail DSC_Stroke@jointcommission.org