Public Reporting: Stroke Outcomes

Gold Plus and Elite Plus Recognition
The Queen’s Medical Center – Punchbowl consistently receives the Get With The Guidelines Stroke, Gold Plus Achievement Award and Target: Stroke Honor Roll – Elite Plus Award from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. These awards are given to the hospitals that meet the highest level of stroke quality measures.

**Gold Plus Achievement**
These hospitals are recognized for two or more consecutive years of 85% or higher adherence on all achievement measures applicable and at least 75% or higher adherence with five or more select quality measures in stroke.

**Honor Roll – Elite Plus**
These hospitals are recognized for at least four consecutive quarters of 75% or higher achievement of door-to-needle times within 60 minutes AND 50% achievement of door-to-needle times within 45 minutes in applicable stroke patients.
Endovascular Thrombectomy

Endovascular thrombectomy is a type of neurointerventional surgery performed to restore blood flow to the occluded blood vessel in selected stroke patients. Our successful revascularization rate and process time (time to initiate treatment after patient arrival) are compared to the major randomized controlled trials that were published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

New England Journal of Medicine Studies
Intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (IV tPA)

Intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (IV tPA) is an FDA-approved medication that dissolves blood clots or more commonly referred to as the “clot buster.” Studies have shown that stroke outcome is better if this medication is given in a timely manner after stroke onset. Therefore, every minute counts after stroke patient arrival. Door-to-needle (DTN) time, a time from patient arrival (‘door’) to IV tPA administration (‘needle’) is a process measure that reflects the efficiency of acute stroke team in delivering IV tPA in a timely manner.

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