



HOSPITAL-LEVEL QUALITY PROGRAMS RESEARCH POLICY

Quality

OVERVIEW/PURPOSE:

American Heart Association (AHA) Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) participating hospitals and EMS agencies can run reports, view their own data and benchmark data for internal quality



1. Patient-level data and benchmark group data may not be used.
2. Proper trademarks are to be used, i.e. "Get With The Guidelines®".
3. Publication titles should be descriptive and contain the program, hospitals, and region that is part of the study, such as Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Midwest Hospitals.
4. Proper nomenclature must be used. When the following first appear in a publication or website, they must be spelled out as follows: Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG), Patient Management Tool™ (PMT), and IQVIA Registry Platform™ (IRP). After the first use the following abbreviations may be used throughout the publication or website: GWTG, PMT, and IRP.
5. The following disclosure statement must be included on abstracts, posters/presentations for conference, in the Methods section of manuscripts, and where appropriate on websites that display GWTG data.
6. "This work represents the authors' independent analysis of local or multicenter data gathered using the AHA Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) IQVIA Registry Platform but is not an analysis of the national GWTG dataset and does not represent findings from the AHA GWTG National Program."
7. AHA staff can assist in identifying volunteers that have previously published GWTG research if assistance or mentorship is sought in developing analyses or publications.

Benchmark Groups:

1. GWTG National Program Level Aggregate Benchmark Data (GWTG National-Level Data) which is usually called "All Hospitals" in the AHA registry tool, as well as other local and regional benchmarks may **NOT** be published in any format or used in any public facing materials. Benchmark data is intended for internal quality improvement purposes only.
2. Hospitals may compare their



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