

GWTG - Stroke Updates

Release Date: October 21st, 2023
Impacted Users: All GWTG-Stroke Users

Summary of changes in this release:

Enhancements

• Stroke Form Updates

- o For Arkansas Layer users, addition of elements for use of mobile communications app
- o For CMS OP-23 Layer users, validation updated for Birth Date (OP STK)

Configurable Measure Report Updates

- o Addition of filters for recently added Provider/NPI elements
- Updated Intensive Statin Therapy measures to include Caduet 10/80 as acceptable for numerator
- o Updated Diabetes Measures to align with Achievement Measures
- o Target: Stroke measures updated to include Limited Forms
- o Joint Commission measure logic updated for the Initial Patient Population (IPP) to utilize the element 'What is the patient's sexual orientation and/or gender identity?'
- o Updated denominator criteria for AHASTR40: Reasons for Delay in Thrombolytics 60min
- o New "All ICH Hospitals" benchmark added
- AHASTR66: CDC Coverdell Composite and AHASTR69: Coverdell Defect-Free updated to align with measures in Coverdell Measures bundle
- o For Arkansas Layer users, added mobile communications app elements as filter options
- Added Certified TJC/AHA CSC Hospitals or Certified TJC/AHA PSC Hospitals benchmark to select sites not being included in those benchmarks
- Corrected out of sync results across data table and visualization when applying Graph Similar Measures for Composite and Defect Free Measures
- Corrected root-cause and re-processed specific records in which record was double counted in results

Additional Report Updates

o New "Stroke Alert" report in Time Tracker Report section

Data Download Report (DDR) Updates

- o Updated format of Custom Date fields
- Standard and Custom Field lists have been unlinked and operate independently

Additional Updates

- Updated # of Records in GWTG Registry Snapshot
- For CMS OP-23 Layer users: OP-23 extract updated for CMS submission to include 'What is the patient's sexual orientation and/or gender identity?'

Additional Updates

- Coding Instructions manual updates
 - o Coding instruction updates as summarized in the Coding Instruction manual's "Summary of Changes"

Measure Description document updates

 Updated Inpatient, Observation, Diabetes, Reporting, and Composite and Defect Free Measure Description documents

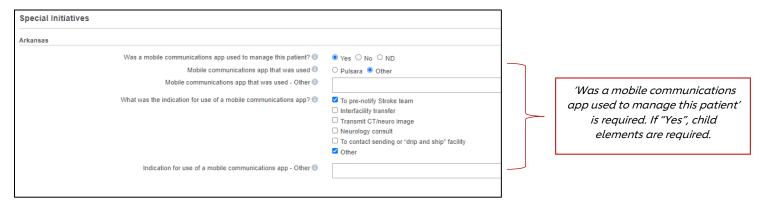


Details related to the above updates:

Stroke Form Updates:

For Arkansas Layer users, addition of elements for use of mobile communications app

The following elements have been added to the Special Initiative tab for Arkansas Layer users: Was a mobile communications app used to manage this patient?, Mobile communications app that was used, What was the indication for use of a mobile communications app?

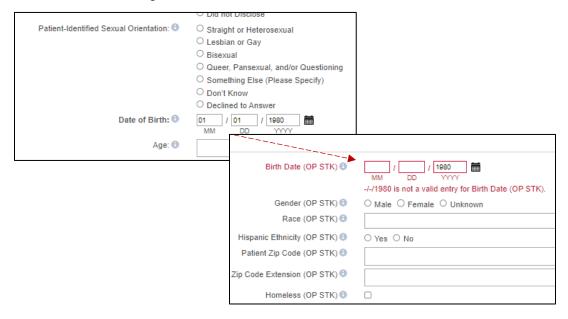


For CMS OP-23 Layer users, validation updated for Birth Date (OP STK)

The Birth Date (OP STK) element on the Outpatient Tab has been updated so it consistently autofills with day, month, and year from the Date of Birth entered on the Demographics Tab.

Before:

In certain instances only Year would autofill:





Day, month, and year will autofill on all cases:

	Und not Disclose	
Patient-Identified Sexual Orientation:	Straight or Heterosexual	
	O Lesbian or Gay	
	O Bisexual	
	O Queer, Pansexual, and/or Questioning	
	O Something Else (Please Specify)	
	O Don't Know	
	O Declined to Answer	
Date of Birth:	01 / 01 / 1980 🛗	
	MM DD YYYY	
Age: €	3	
	Birth Date (OP STK) 📵	01 / 01 / 1980 mm
	Gender (OP STK) 🕄	○ Male ○ Female ○ Unknown
	Race (OP STK) 🗓	•
	Hispanic Ethnicity (OP STK) 📵	○ Yes ○ No
	Patient Zip Code (OP STK) 📵	
	Zip Code Extension (OP STK) 📵	
	Homeless (OP STK) 📵	0

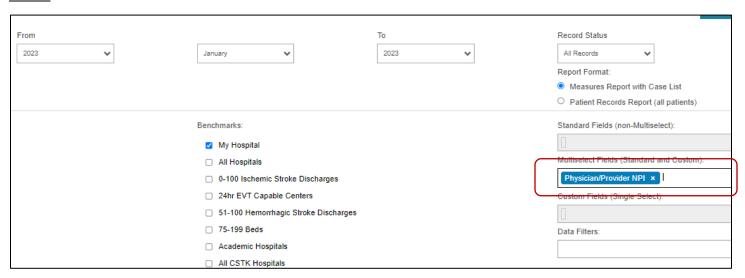
Configurable Measure Report Updates:

Addition of filters for recently added Provider/NPI elements

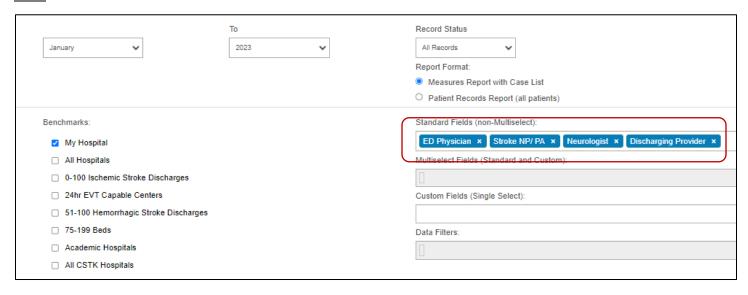
The June 17th release included the addition of new single-select Provider / NPI elements specific to Provider specialty/role. Each has been added as a filter option. The retired "Physician/Provider NPI" multi-select element remains available in filters for use on records entered prior to the June 17th release.

Sites have the option to retrospectively enter data into the new single select elements on records entered prior to June 17th.

Before:







Updated Intensive Statin Therapy measures to include Caduet 10/80 as acceptable for numerator

AHASTR4: Intensive Statin Therapy, AHASTR77: Intensive Statin Therapy – Inpatient, AHASTR99: Intensive Statin Therapy – Observation Status Only, and AHASTR298: Intensive Statin Therapy (Patients with Diabetes) updated so that Caduet 10/80 (Amlodipine + Atorvastatin), a high intensity statin dose, is accepted for the numerator criteria.

Before:



After:



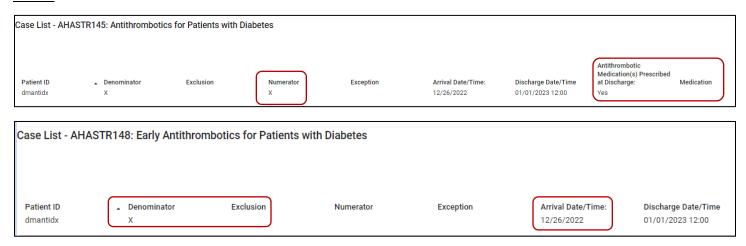
Updated Diabetes Measures to align with Achievement Measures

The measure logic in the following Diabetes Measures have been updated to align with Achievement Measures:

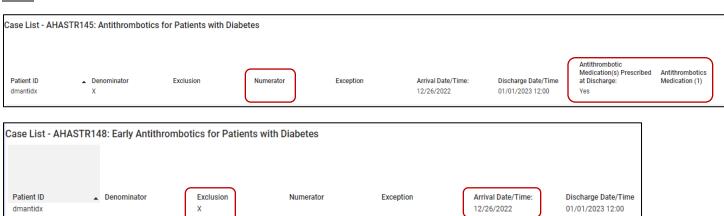
- AHASTR145: Antithrombotics for Patients with Diabetes updated so the numerator criteria requires specific
 approved medications instead of only a "Yes" response to 'Antithrombotic Medication(s) Prescribed at Discharge'.
- AHASTR148: Early Antithrombotics for Patients with Diabetes updated to exclude records with non-minute precision Arrival Date/Time.



Before:



After:



Target: Stroke measures updated to include Limited Forms

The IPP requirement for Target: Stroke measures has been updated to include records entered on the Stroke Limited Form. Users of the Stroke Limited Form will now see records included in the following measures:

- AHASTR47: Thrombolytic Therapies
- AHASTR48: Time to IV Thrombolytics 30 Min
- AHASTR50: Time to Intravenous Thrombolytic Therapy Times

Before:





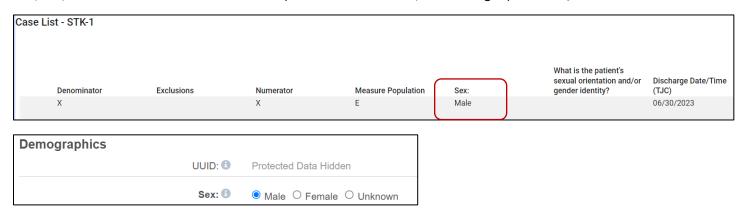


Joint Commission measure logic updated for the Initial Patient Population (IPP) to utilize the element 'What is the patient's sexual orientation and/or gender identity?'

Joint Commission ASR, STK, and CSTK measure calculations previously used the 'Sex' element in the Demographics Tab to determine IPP inclusion. With the 2023B version of the TJC Specifications Manual the element was updated, and a new element on the Certification Tab was added and required for discharges on or after 3Q23: 'What is the patient's sexual orientation and/or gender identity?'. For discharges on or after 3Q23, ASR, STK, and CSTK calculations have been updated to use the element in the Certification Tab in place of the element in the Demographics Tab.

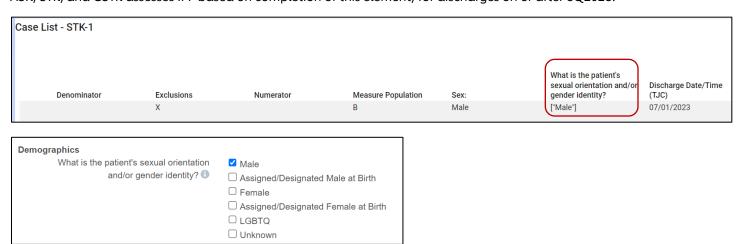
Before:

ASR, STK, and CSTK assessed IPP based on completion of this element, for discharges prior to 3Q2023:



After:

ASR, STK, and CSTK assesses IPP based on completion of this element, for discharges on or after 3Q2023:





Updated denominator criteria for AHASTR40: Reasons for Delay in Thrombolytics – 60min

The denominator criteria has been updated so records can be included even if there are no Medical or Eligibility causes for IV thrombolytic delay.

Before:

The denominator criteria only included cases where 'If IV thrombolytic was initiated greater than 60 minutes after arrival, documented Eligibility or Medical reason(s) for delay' = "Yes". Cases without at least one Eligibility or Medical reason for delay were not grouped by reason(s) for delay.



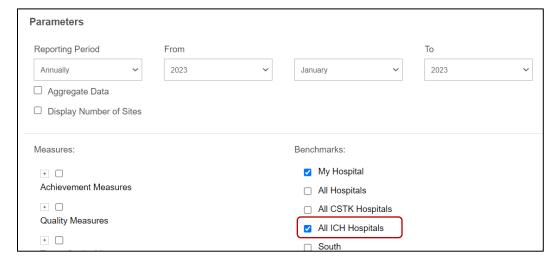
After:

The denominator criteria has been updated to include cases where 'If IV thrombolytic was initiated greater than 60 minutes after arrival, documented Eligibility or Medical reason(s) for delay' is not blank. Even cases without an Eligibility or Medical reason are grouped by reason(s) for delay.



New "All ICH Hospitals" benchmark added

An "All ICH Hospitals" benchmark has been added to the configurable measure reports parameter page and is configured to include all sites enrolled in the ICH Layer.

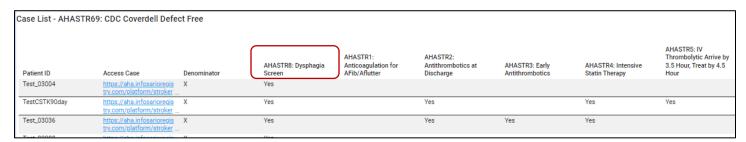




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AHASTR66: CDC Coverdell Composite and AHASTR69: Coverdell Defect-Free measures have been updated to align with measures in the Coverdell Measures bundle. AHASTR9: LDL Documented, AHASTR10: NIHSS Reported, and AHASTR49: Time to Thrombolytic – 45 min have been added to the calculations. AHASTR8: Dysphagia Screen has been removed from the calculations.

Before:



After:



For Arkansas Layer users, added mobile communications app as filter options

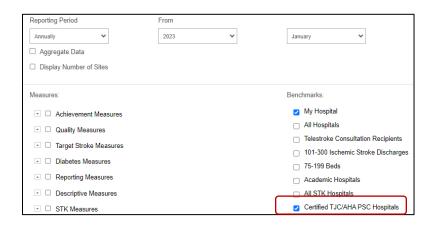
The following newly added elements have been added as a filter option for Arkansas Layer users: 'Was a mobile communications app used to manage this patient?' and 'Mobile communications app that was used'.

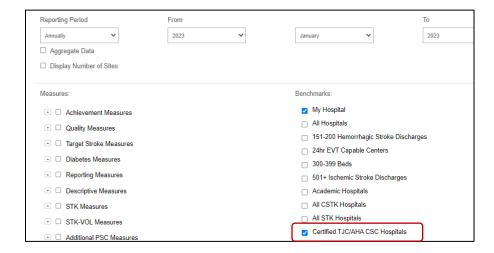


Added Certified TJC/AHA CSC Hospitals or Certified TJC/AHA PSC Hospitals benchmark to select sites not being included in those benchmarks

The Certified TJC/AHA CSC Hospitals and the Certified TJC/AHA PSC Hospitals are available based on a site's TJC Certification. Several PSC and CSC sites reported not being assigned to these benchmarks. These sites have been assigned to a benchmark based on their TJC Certification.



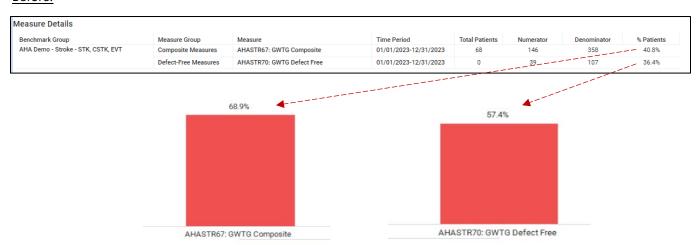




Corrected out of sync results across data table and visualization when applying Graph Similar Measures for Composite and Defect Free Measures

Applying the Display Option of "Graph Similar Measures" to Composite and Defect Free Measures previously was causing the data table and visualization to have different results. This issue has been corrected so that "Graph Similar Measures" can be applied with synced results across the data table and visualization.

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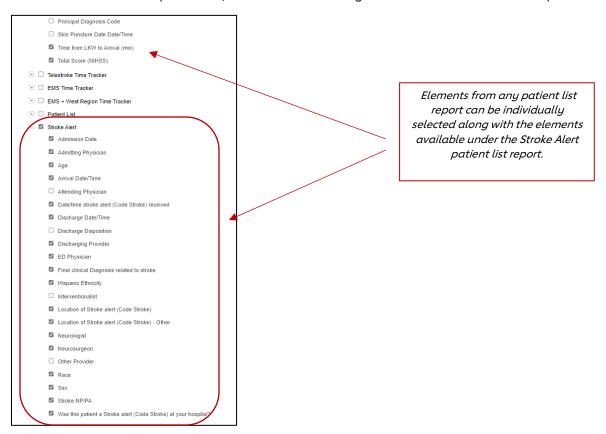
Corrected root-cause and re-processed specific records in which record was double counted in results

Corrected root-cause and re-processed specific records in which record was double counted in measure results due to specific abstraction workflow in which a follow-up form was created simultaneous to inpatient form updates.

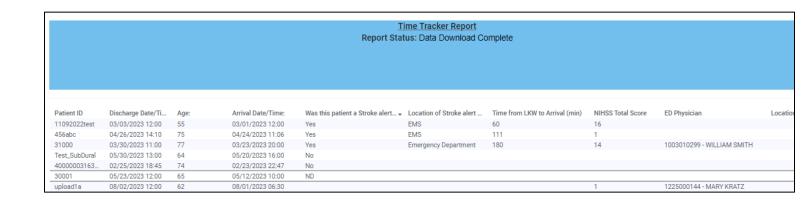
Additional Report Updates:

New "Stroke Alert" report in Time Tracker Report section

A new "Stroke Alert" report has been added to the Time Tracker Report section. This provides a patient list with columns of data pertinent to Stroke Alert tracking. The available columns include those shown below. Users can select which of these columns to include in the patient list, in addition to selecting columns available under other patient list reports.





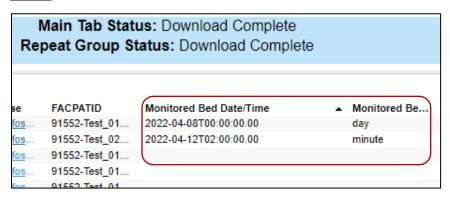


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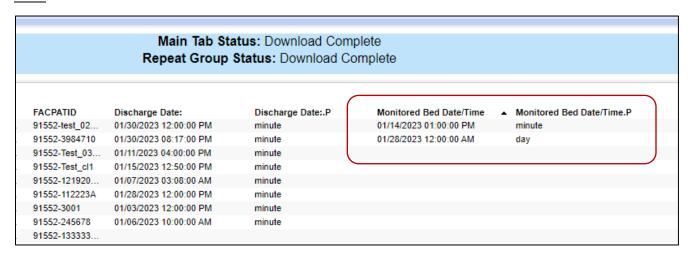
Updated format of Custom Date fields

The format of Custom Date fields in DDR has been updated to match the format used in standard date/time fields.

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After:

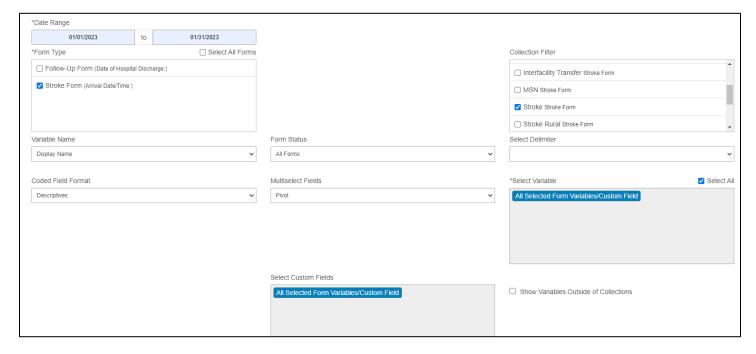




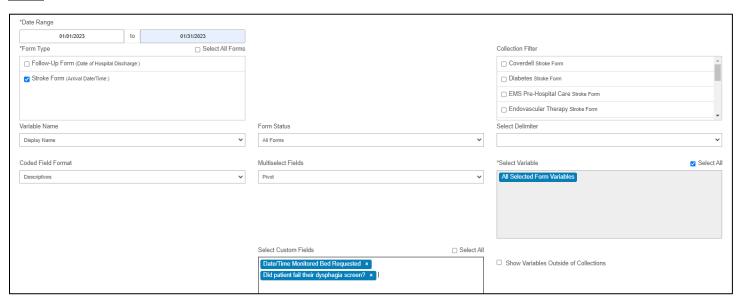
Standard and Custom Field lists have been unlinked and operate independently

On the DDR parameter page, the Standard Fields and Custom Fields have been unlinked. The "Select All" checkbox for the Standard Fields will no longer auto-select all Custom Fields. Users can independently choose variables from the Standard 'Select Variable' container and 'Select Custom Fields' container. Users should select at least one Standard variable to download Custom Fields.

Before:



After:



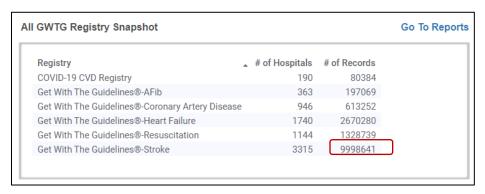


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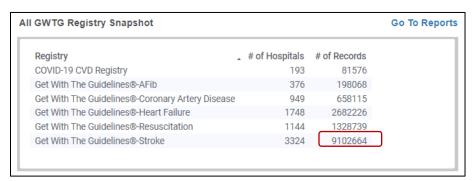
Updated # of Records in GWTG Registry Snapshot

Updated # of Records in GWTG Registry Snapshot on the Community Page to only consider inpatient forms. Previously, the count included follow-up forms.

Before:



After:



For CMS OP-23 Layer users: OP-23 extract updated for CMS submission to include 'What is the patient's sexual orientation and/or gender identity?'

For CMS OP-23 Layer users, the OP-23 extract that is submitted to CMS has been updated so that submissions will include the 'What is the patient's sexual orientation and/or gender identity' element in the Certification Tab, in place of the 'Sex' element in the Demographics Tab.

Before:

CMS OP-23 extract included this element:





CMS OP-23 extract will include this element:

Demographics What is the patient's sexual orientation and/or gender identity?	☐ Male ☐ Assigned/Designated Male at Birth ☐ Female ☐ Assigned/Designated Female at Birth	
		☐ LGBTQ ☐ Unknown