# TJC Stroke Quality Measure Submission: External How To Guide

- One of the benefits of participating in AHA's quality improvement programs is the option for sites to elect GWTG-Stroke as a method for submitting TJC Stroke Quality Measure results to The Joint Commission (TJC) CMIP Tool. There is no additional cost to enable this.

- Submission options include all required measures for the following: ASRH, CSC, PSC, PSC with Mechanical Thrombectomy (MT), and TSC. Submitted measure results are based on data captured in GWTG-Stroke by the participating site. **Enrolling in Submissions does not automatically enable the associated layers. Sites must enroll in associated layers before enrolling in Submissions. These layer additions must be completed through the GWTG Unified Participation Agreement (UPA) or UPA amendment.**

| Level of TJC Submission | Required Layer |
|---|---|
| ASRH Measures | ASR Layer |
| PSC Measures | STK Layer |
| PSC with MT Measures | TSC Layer<br>Or<br>STK Layer with CSTK Layer |
| TSC Measures | TSC Layer<br>Or<br>STK Layer with CSTK Layer |
| CSC Measures | STK Layer with CSTK Layer |

- Measure results will automatically transfer to TJC's CMIP on specified submission dates. Data will show in CMIP within 2-3 business days of the submission date. CMIP will remain open for edits for a period of time after the GWTG submission to allow for manual adjustments prior to TJC's final deadline. The Permission Form and Questionnaire as outlined below need to be completed prior to the 1st of the month of a submission month in order to assure inclusion in the submission.

| Quarter | Deadline for Permission Form and Questionnaire Completion / Updates | Submission Date from GWTG-Stroke to TJC CMIP Tool | TJC Measure Submission Deadline |
|---|---|---|---|
| Q1 | June 1st | June 15th | June 30th |
| Q2 | September 1st | September 15th | September 30th |
| Q3 | December 1st | December 15th | December 30th |
| Q4 | March 1st | March 15th | March 30th |

- If a TJC measure result in GWTG-Stroke has zero cases in the Initial Patient Population for the month for any measure, no data will be transmitted to TJC's CMIP for that measure for that month, since there is no data for GWTG-Stroke to transmit. Sites will need to manually check the "Zero Cases Attestation" in the CMIP tool, if appropriate for that measure based on TJC's definition.

- Below are the two steps for a site to participate.
    1. Submit Permission Form
        - New GWTG-Stroke contract: Sites can give permission by selecting the appropriate option in the "Submission Options" section of the UPA/eUPA. If a site is adding GWTG-Stroke via a corporate UPA, these options will be in in Exhibit D&F.
        - Existing GWTG-Stroke contract on UPA: Sites can give permission by completing the TJC Stroke Data Submission Permission Form. Local AHA QI Consultants can provide this form. It should be submitted to certification@heart.org for processing.
        - Existing GWTG-Stroke contract on PHA: Sites must move to UPA and make selection.

    2. Complete Get With The Guidelines: Stroke Questionnaire
        - Sites need to update their Stroke Questionnaire within the Form Management section of the GWTG-Stroke tool. Only one user at the site needs to update the Questionnaire. See steps on page 3.
        - Users can update the Questionnaire at any time to change submission selections. See above Deadlines for dates the Questionnaire updates need to be completed in order to be reflected in the subsequent submission.

## User Instructions for Completing Get With The Guidelines: Stroke Questionnaire

1. To access the Questionnaire, log into the GWTG-Stroke tool and click Form Management on the sidebar. Select Facility Forms.

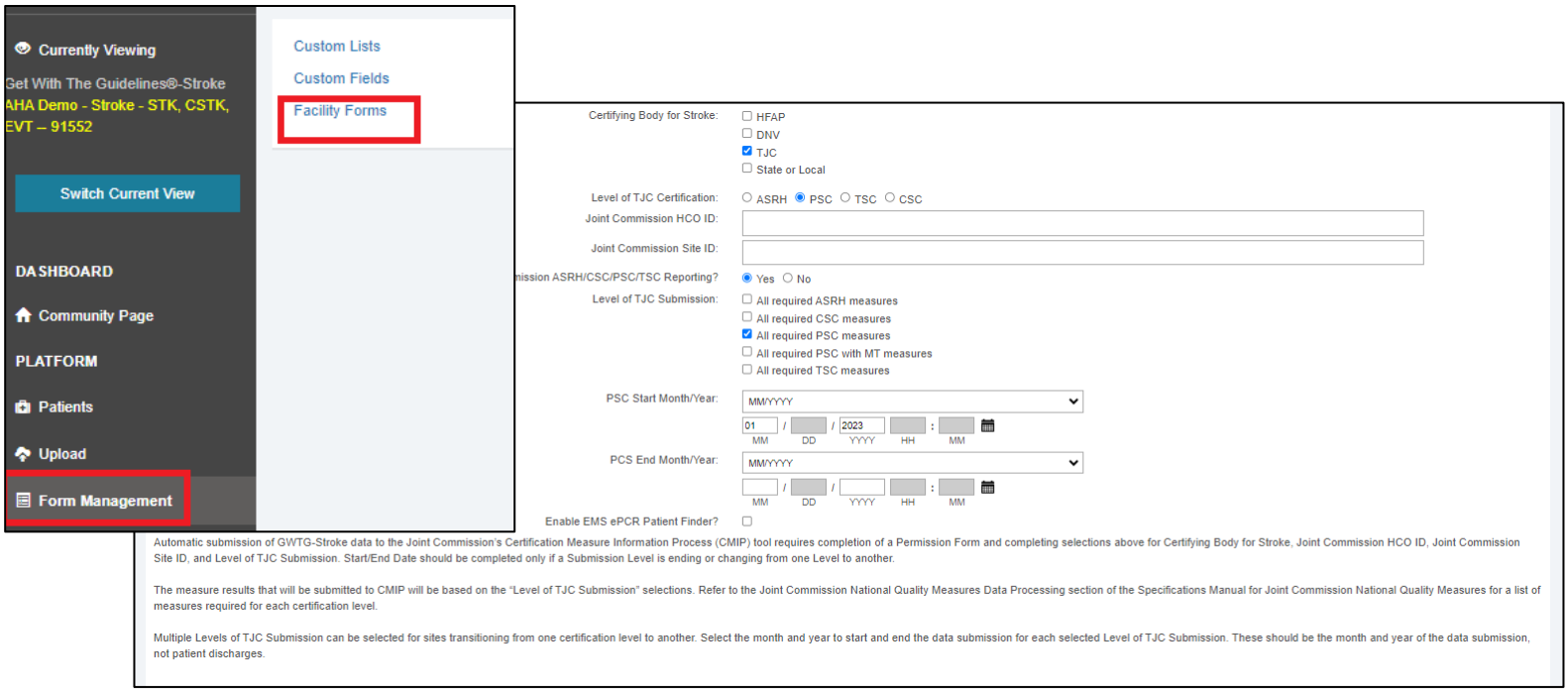
2. Respond to each question and/or update the Questionnaire with your site's certification information and desired submissions. **The Questionnaire has additional instructions at the bottom for questions that need to be completed, including Certifying Body for Stroke, Joint Commission HCO ID, Joint Commission Site ID, and Level of TJC Submission.** Once complete, save the form.

    a. Joint Commission HCO ID and Joint Commission Site ID are identifiers provided to your site by the Joint Commission. They can be found under "Data Submission" tab 5 in TJC CMIP Tool. The HCO ID is in the upper right-hand corner along with the name and address of the organization. The Site ID is in the second field (ie, "Data Submission Level") under the Performance Measure Short Name field. The "Site" radial button should be checked and a number shows the ID.

    b. A Start Date should be entered to indicate the first submission that should occur. This should be the month and year of the discharge dates of the records included in the submission. For example, if enrolling to submit for the first time with the June submission, the Start Date should be January of that year to include Q1 discharges. Submissions will automatically continue each quarter unless an End Date is entered. Additional Start and End Dates are only needed when a submission is changing from one level to another (for example, the upcoming submission is for All Required PSC Measures, and subsequent submissions going forward are for All Required PSC with MT Measures).

    c. The measure results that will be submitted to CMIP will be based on the "Level of TJC Submission" selected. The selected "Level of TJC Submission" must match the measure set assigned in the CMIP platform at the time of the submission. Refer to the Joint Commission National Quality Measures Data Processing section of the Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures for a list of measures required for each certification level.

3. **The Enable EMS ePCR Patient Finder selection is unrelated to TJC CMIP submissions and should not be modified.**



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