

# GWTG Stroke Updates

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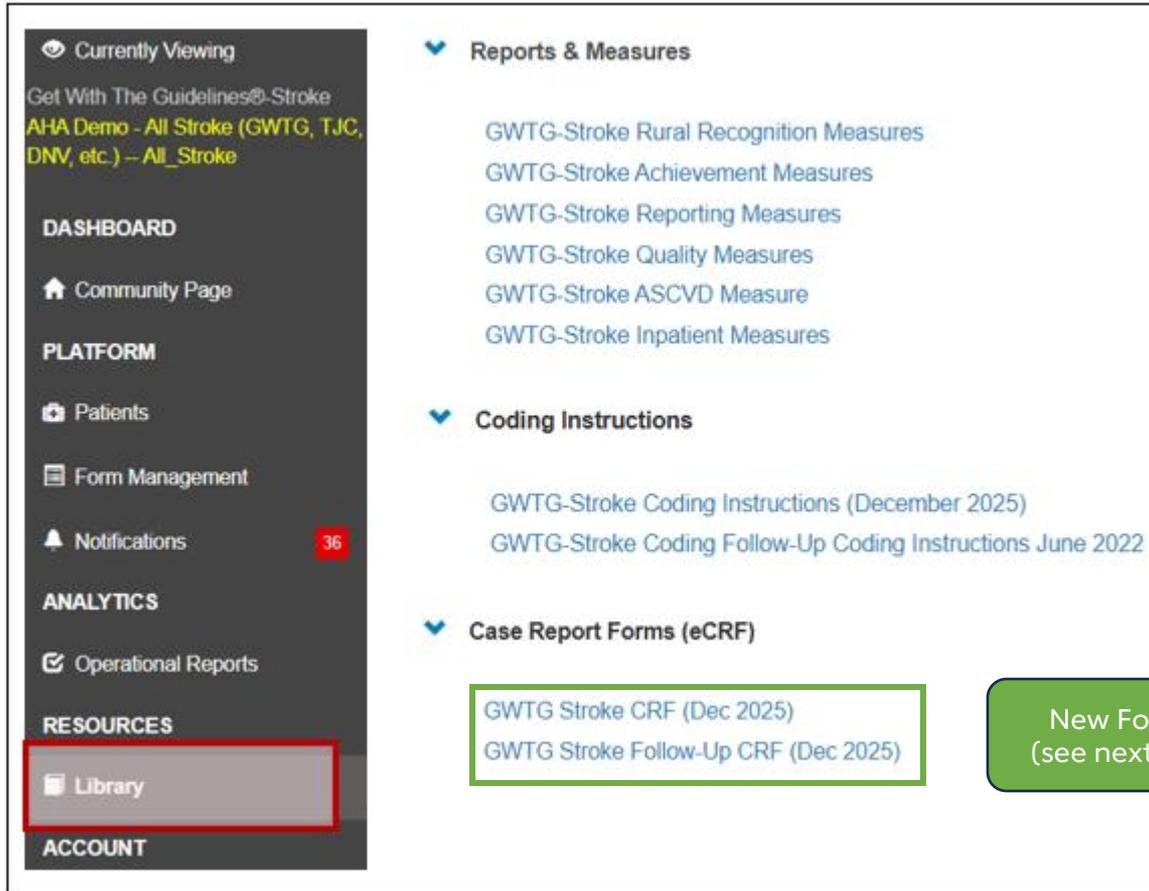
# Resource Reminders

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# IRP Library

Available upon notification  
of the release

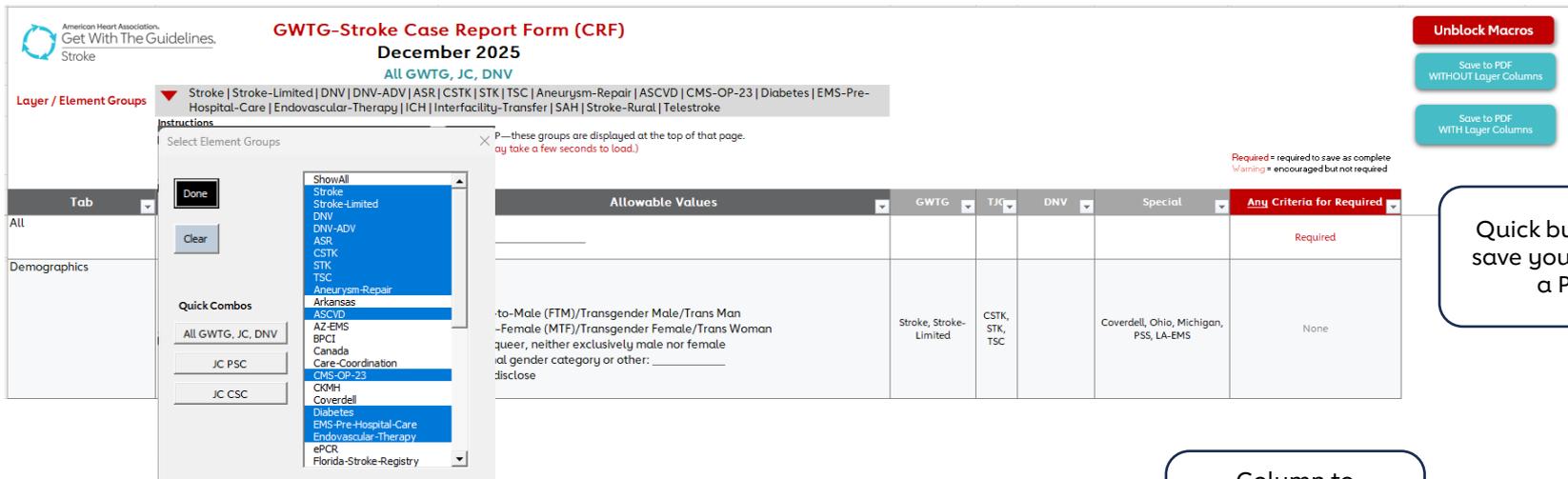


The screenshot shows a web application interface with a dark sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar contains the following sections: 'Currently Viewing' with a link to 'Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke AHA Demo - All Stroke (GWTG, TJC, DNV, etc.) - All\_Stroke'; 'DASHBOARD'; 'Community Page'; 'PLATFORM' with sub-items 'Patients', 'Form Management', and 'Notifications' (with a red badge showing '36'); 'ANALYTICS' with 'Operational Reports'; 'RESOURCES' with 'Library' highlighted by a red box; and 'ACCOUNT'. The main content area has three expandable sections: 'Reports & Measures' with links for 'Rural Recognition Measures', 'Achievement Measures', 'Reporting Measures', 'Quality Measures', 'ASCVD Measure', and 'Inpatient Measures'; 'Coding Instructions' with links for 'Coding Instructions (December 2025)' and 'Coding Follow-Up Coding Instructions June 2022'; and 'Case Report Forms (eCRF)' with two items: 'GWTG Stroke CRF (Dec 2025)' and 'GWTG Stroke Follow-Up CRF (Dec 2025)'. A green box highlights these two items, and a green callout box points to them with the text 'New Format (see next slide)'.

New Format  
(see next slide)

# New CRF

Drop-downs to customize according to your site's layers



The screenshot shows the 'GWTC-Stroke Case Report Form (CRF) December 2025' interface. A 'Layer / Element Groups' dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of options including 'Stroke', 'Stroke-Limited', 'DNY', 'DNY-ADV', 'ASR', 'CSTK', 'STK', 'TSC', 'Aneurysm-Repair', 'ASCVD', 'CMS-OP-23', 'Diabetes', 'EMS-Pre-Hospital-Care', 'Endovascular-Therapy', 'ICH', 'Interfacility-Transfer', 'SAH', 'Stroke-Rural', and 'Telestroke'. Below the list are 'Quick Combos' for 'All GWTC, JC, DNV', 'JC PSC', and 'JC CSC'. A table titled 'Allowable Values' is visible, with columns for 'GWTC', 'TJK', 'DNY', 'Special', and 'Any Criteria for Required'. The 'Any Criteria for Required' column has a dropdown menu currently set to 'Required'. A callout box points to this column with the text 'Column to indicate if there is any criteria for required'.

Drop-downs to customize according to your site's layers

Column to indicate if there is any criteria for required

Quick buttons to save your view as a PDF

NOTE: Other GWTC modules do NOT have plans to go with this format or to include references to required vs non-required elements at this time

# New CRF

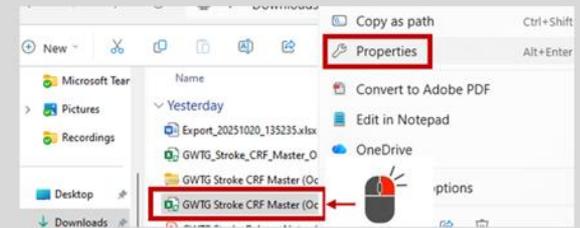
Initial steps to saving and using the form so that the macros work



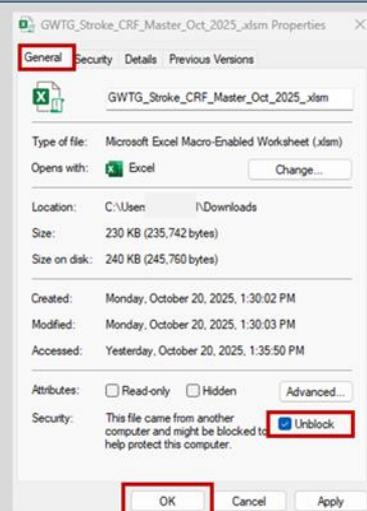
**1** Save the CRF attachment to your file folders  
- Drag and drop OR file -> save as



**2** Right Click -> Choose "Properties"



**3** On the General Tab at the bottom click "Unblock" -> OK



# Summary of Updates

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CSTK & ICH	Validation Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “^Is there documentation that a procoagulant reversal agent was initiated at this hospital?”</li> </ul> <a href="#">»</a>
CMS OP-23	Relabel & Update Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Label: “Sex assigned at birth” to “Sex (OP STK)”</li> <li>• Options: Male, Female</li> </ul>
	Retire Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which term best describes the patient’s gender identity</li> </ul> <a href="#">»</a>
	Retire Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which term best represents how the patient thinks of themselves</li> </ul>
Joint Commission (JC)	ICD-10 Code Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table 8.2e Surgical Intervention Procedures</li> </ul>
Coverdell	Add Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicate the stroke screen tool used</li> </ul>
	Add Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Glucose level (mg/dL):</li> </ul> <a href="#">»</a>

# Measure Updates TOC

December 2025

<p>DNV</p>	<p>QM.9-CR.12 &amp; 12a: Baseline Severity Measurement for ICH &amp; SAH</p>	<p>Exclusions</p> <hr/> <p>Numerator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunt Hess before arrival time versus before or equal to</li> <li>• Account for repair procedure time as same time as EVD placed</li> <li>• Account for Hunt Hess &amp; WFNS scores as same as arrival time</li> </ul>	<p>&gt;&gt;</p>
<p>Stroke &amp; Stroke Limited</p>	<p>DIDO for EVT Transfer</p>	<p>New Bundle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two new measures for patients that are transferred to another acute care facility for EVT therapy (90 &amp; 120 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>&gt;&gt;</p>
<p>JC</p>	<p>CSTK-02 &amp; 10</p>	<p>Logic Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to report out the follow-up mRS within 75-105 days and not an mRS earlier than that window if there were multiple completed</li> </ul>	

# CRF Updates

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*Case Report Form*





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# CSTK / ICH

CRF Update

# ^Is there documentation that a procoagulant reversal agent was initiated at this hospital?"

Fixing the validation of "error/require" to not show if the record does not qualify for requiring the element to be answered

## Before

^Is there documentation that a procoagulant reversal agent was initiated at this hospital? ?  Yes  No

If reversal therapy was initiated greater than 60 minutes after arrival, were reason(s) documented as cause for delay? ?  Yes  No

If reversal therapy was initiated greater than 90 minutes after arrival, were reason(s) documented as cause for delay? ?  Yes  No

**My Tasks** x

If "Hispanic Ethnicity" yes, QSTRK0012

▲ Please enter a value for Hispanic Ethnicity Options.

**Procoagulant treatment** QSTRK0474

✖ Please enter a value for Procoagulant treatment.

**Antithrombotic Therapy Prescribed at Discharge** QSTRK0199

▲ The value for Core Measures field "Antithrombotic Therapy Prescribed at Discharge" does not match the data entered for "Antithrombotic Medication(s) at Discharge." Please review the Coding Instructions and correct if necessary.

## After

^Is there documentation that a procoagulant reversal agent was initiated at this hospital? ?  Yes  No

If reversal therapy was initiated greater than 60 minutes after arrival, were reason(s) documented as cause for delay? ?  Yes  No

If reversal therapy was initiated greater than 90 minutes after arrival, were reason(s) documented as cause for delay? ?  Yes  No

**My Tasks** x

If "Hispanic Ethnicity" yes, QSTRK0012

▲ Please enter a value for Hispanic Ethnicity Options.

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# CMS-OP-23

OP STK CRF Updates

# Sex & Gender Identity

## Before

What was the patient's reported sex assigned at birth? ⓘ

- Female
- Male
- Intersex
- None of the Above, Other, or Unable to Determine
- Preferred Not to Answer

Which term best describes the patient's gender identity? ⓘ

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary
- Transgender
- None of the Above, Other, or Unable to Determine
- Preferred Not to Answer

Which term best represents how the patient thinks of themselves? ⓘ

- Gay
- Lesbian
- Straight (Not Gay or Lesbian)
- Bisexual
- None of the Above, Other, or Unable to Determine
- Preferred Not to Answer

## After

Relabel sex assigned at birth

Retire gender identity elements and update Sex (OP STK) allowable values for January 2026 discharges

Birth Date (OP STK)  /  /  

MM DD YYYY

Sex (OP STK) ⓘ

- Female
- Male

Race (OP STK)

Hispanic Ethnicity (OP STK)  Yes  No

Patient Zip Code (OP STK)

Zip Code Extension (OP STK)



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# Coverdell

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# Coverdell New Elements

## Add Blood Glucose & Stroke Screen Tool Used

**Pre-Hospital Care**

Source used to obtain prehospital care data: ⓘ

- Copy of ePCR in Hospital Medical Record
- ePCR in EMS Data System
- EMS Record not Available
- Other

EMS Unit Arrived on Scene: ⓘ

MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM

/  /   :  

MM DD YYYY HH MM

EMS Unit Left Scene: ⓘ

MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM

/  /   :  

MM DD YYYY HH MM

Blood Glucose level (mg/dL): ⓘ

Indicate the stroke screen tool used: ⓘ

Existing EMS elements added to the Coverdell layer

# Measures & Reports

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# QM.9-CR.12: Baseline Severity Measurement for Hemorrhagic Stroke Patients

Updating logic for arrival vs score times as well as procedures at the same time

## Denominator Exclusions

(Was an initial Hunt and Hess scale done at this hospital? = (Yes)  
 AND  
 ^If yes, Hunt and Hess score: is not blank  
 AND  
What is the date and time that the Hunt and Hess Scale was first performed at this hospital? < Arrival Date/Time)

## Numerator

Date/Time repair procedure initiated ≥ Date/Time EVD Placed)  
 AND  
 ((Was an initial Hunt and Hess scale done at this hospital? = (Yes)  
 AND  
 ^If yes, Hunt and Hess score: is not blank  
 AND  
What is the date and time that the Hunt and Hess Scale was first performed at this hospital? < Date/Time EVD Placed)

Was an initial Hunt and Hess scale done at this hospital? = (Yes)  
 AND  
 ^If yes, Hunt and Hess score: is not blank  
 AND  
What is the date and time that the Hunt and Hess Scale was first performed at this hospital? MINUS Arrival Date/Time ≥ 0 AND < = 6 hours)

(Initial World Federation of Neurological Surgeons (WFNS) scale at this hospital = (Yes)  
 AND  
WFNS SAH Grading Scale is not blank  
 AND  
What is the date and time the WFNS scale was first performed at this hospital? MINUS Arrival Date/Time ≥ 0 AND < = 6 hours))))

# QM.9-CR.12a: Baseline Severity Score for SAH Patients

Updating logic for arrival vs score times

## Denominator Exclusions

Was an initial Hunt and Hess scale done at this hospital?

= Yes

AND

^If yes, Hunt and Hess score: = not blank

AND

What is the date and time that the Hunt and Hess Scale was first performed at this hospital? = not blank

AND

What is the date and time that the Hunt and Hess Scale was first performed at this hospital? Precision =

MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM format

AND

What is the date and time that the Hunt and Hess Scale was first performed at this hospital?  $\leq$  Arrival Date/Time

## Numerator

Was a cerebral aneurysm repair attempted during this episode of care at this hospital? = (No)

AND

Was an External Ventricular Drain (EVD) placed during this hospitalization? = (No)

AND

((Was an initial Hunt and Hess scale done at this hospital?) = (Yes)

AND

^If yes, Hunt and Hess score: is not blank

AND

What is the date and time that the Hunt and Hess Scale was first performed at this hospital? MINUS Arrival Date/Time  $\geq$  0 AND  $\leq$  6 hours)

(Initial World Federation of Neurological Surgeons (WFNS) scale at this hospital = (Yes)

AND

WFNS SAH Grading Scale is not blank

AND

What is the date and time the WFNS scale was first performed at this hospital? MINUS Arrival Date/Time  $\geq$  0 AND  $\leq$  6 hours))))

# DIDO for EVT Transfer Measures

## New Bundle and Measures December 2025

### Before



CMS Outpatient Measures



Endovascular Therapy (EVT) Measures



Pre-hospital Care Measures

### After



CMS Outpatient Measures



Endovascular Therapy (EVT) Measures



DIDO for EVT Transfer Measures

AHASTR368: Door-in-Door-Out Within 120 Minutes  
(Transfer for EVT Evaluation)

AHASTR367: Door-in-Door-Out Within 90 Minutes  
(Transfer for EVT Evaluation)



Pre-hospital Care Measures

# Coding Instructions

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# Coding Instructions

## December 2025 – Summary of Updates

Element / Topic	Summary of Updates
JC: IA Alteplase or MER Initiation Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add inclusion term “Case start time”</li> </ul>
JC: IA & IV Alteplase Administration/Initiation Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated guidance to include tenecteplase (for IV only, not IA)</li> </ul>
JC: Non-aneurysmal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add suggested data sources</li> </ul>
Discharge Date/Time (JC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated to reflect what is in JC’s manual</li> </ul>
Discharge Date/Time (GWTG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated to remove reference to JC layers</li> <li>Updated notes for abstraction for clarity and did not change the intent</li> </ul>
CMS-OP-23 label update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sex assigned at birth to just “Sex” and allowable values of just Female and Male</li> <li>Remove gender identity and sexual orientation</li> </ul>
Add Coverdell layer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stroke screen tool used</li> <li>Blood glucose level</li> </ul>