
DNV GL Stroke Certification Program Review and Update



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DNV GL Stroke Center Certification

DNV GL has three stroke center certification offerings

- Primary Stroke Certification – November 2009
- Comprehensive Stroke Certification – September 2012
- Acute Stroke Ready Certification – December 2014



DNVGL Stroke Center Certification



Basic Premises of the Development of the DNV GL Certification Program

- We are **partners** with our stroke centers to assure the best delivery of current health care possible.
- We believe our stroke centers are **the experts** in the care they are giving and we come in with a fresh perspective: we will listen, ask questions, discuss, share ideas, and verify.
- Certification is not accreditation, but a highly evolved, specialty clinical care within an accredited facility, so **focus on the expertise** is key.
- We are **thoughtful** and **reasonable**
- We are **inclusive**, not exclusive.
- Find a reason to **say yes**, just because we have not seen it before does not make it wrong

Always keep the patient in mind.

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Stroke Center Eligibility Criteria

Current Hospital Accreditation,

- Does NOT have to be DNV GL accredited
- Host hospital must be Medicare Certified Hospital – State or Accredited by one of the approved accreditation organizations with deeming authority
- Does not require non DNV GL hospitals to be ISO certified if they have a functional equivalent process in place within the host hospital
- Must be part of a data registry for public reporting - If in a hospital system, may participate in the system data if there is comparative data reports
- Must be involved in IRB research



DNV GL Stroke Technical Advisor Role



- Serve as a stroke clinical expert
- Advise DNVGL on changes to the standards
 - Ensures compliance with the latest in clinical practice evidence-based guidelines
 - CMS requirements
 - Guarantee that clinical practice adheres to national published guidelines
- Function as mentor to stroke coordinator while building a network of professional contemporaries



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Frequent Non-Conformities

- Informed Consent for tPA
- tPA vital signs and neuro assessment
- tPA Administration ≤ 60 minutes and ≤ 45 minutes from arrival
- Lack of flush/flush documentation/required order for flush post tPA infusion
- Risk of bleeding care plan (tPA)
- Dysphagia screen prior to po medication
- Post procedure groin and pulse checks
- Frequency of Nimodipine
- Individualized stroke education identifying stroke risk factors in treatment plans
- Downtime orders matching existing orders



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- DNVGL surveys are every year:
 - We assess stroke programs for compliance with the most current stroke guidelines
 - Assure the most current evidence based literature is addressed within the stroke program, working together to identify areas of concern based on national trends
 - We review the improvements concerning the previous year's findings
 - Formal process to focus on common themes observed nationwide in stroke care to help prevent/correct problems
- Collaborate with host hospitals to support stroke program certification
- Recognition and support for stroke nurse coordinators
- Working with state, local and national groups to advocate for patients, families and the systems that treat them.
- Initiatives for 2018 guided by the ongoing advancements in stroke care





Question Time

