



# Certifying the Stroke Continuum

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## Advantages of Certification

Stroke Certification standards help to improve the quality of care using evidence based performance measures.

# Why HFAP?

1. Standards are straight forward, easy to understand.
2. Standards are broken down into 3 parts:
  - a) The actual standard
  - b) Explanation-the intent and how the standard is demonstrated
  - c) Scoring procedure-where the surveyor finds evidence of compliance
3. Partnership with client hospitals
4. Educational approach, surveyors active in stroke centers
5. Emphasis on hospital's success



# HFAP Stroke Options

Types of Certification are offered to stroke hospitals:

- Stroke Ready
- Primary Stroke
- Comprehensive Stroke

**Coming soon**

- Thrombectomy Proficient



# HFAP Certification Process

- Contact Certification Coordinator for access to standards
- Determine level of eligibility-Stroke Ready, Primary, (Thrombectomy), Comprehensive
- Submit application online
- Documents to submit with application
- Data to submit with application
- Scheduling of survey
- Day of the survey

**Support is available prior to survey, post-certification**



# HFAP Organizational Support

- Standards interpretation assistance
- Teleconferencing with hospital staff, if needed
- Copies of policies, procedures, routine orders
- Mid-cycle review teleconference with no deficiencies
- Community of practice: quarterly teleconferences with other stroke coordinators
- No additional fee for these services

## Question: What free support is offered to HFAP Hospitals?

Standards Interpretation

Teleconferences

Sample policies, procedures,  
protocols

Quarterly Stroke Coordinators  
teleconferences

All of the above

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