

2023 EMS Stroke Quality Improvement Awards

MINNESOTA STROKE PROGRAM

Background

Successful and effective stroke treatment by EMS requires a commitment to continuous quality improvement. These efforts drive the quality of care delivered to stroke patients – which leads to better outcomes. EMS agencies in the state of Minnesota are an integral part of the system providing timely patient care and alerting the receiving hospitals of an incoming stroke patient.

Purpose

This award program aims to recognize and showcase successful quality improvement projects throughout the state of Minnesota's EMS agencies. We plan to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of up to five applicants through an awards ceremony and on our Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Stroke Program website.

How to apply

Use the MDH template to enter your EMS agencies stroke quality improvement (QI) story. Once complete, submit quality improvement award application as a Microsoft Word Document or PDF to health.stroke@state.mn.us.

Application

Submit the story in either a Microsoft Word document or PDF. MDH will work collaboratively with award recipients on final modifications for copy editing and formatting. The story must include the following sections:

Quality improvement plan narrative

- Describe how you identified the focus area for improvement and what agency and hospital (if applicable) members were involved in the development of the plan.
- Describe the quality improvement plan, including the goal, activities, and the monitoring of performance metrics.
- Describe the steps you took to implement the quality improvement plan.
- Include any encountered challenges and how they were addressed and/or how plan was changed in response.

Quality improvement plan results

- Summarize successes and lessons learned as a result of the QI plan
- Describe results of the plan and changes (improvements) in performance metrics.
- Include a table and/or graph that showcases the change in performance metrics (if applicable).

Program specific photograph

- Include at least one unique program-specific picture (i.e., EMS agency leadership team on project, EMS crew)

Evaluation/Acknowledgment

After the submission deadline, MDH staff will evaluate all applications and award up to five (5) EMS agencies Stroke Quality Improvement Award. MDH reserves the right to adjust the number of awards at its discretion. We will evaluate based on a) quality of plan design and implementation and b) story-telling clarity. MDH will work with all award recipients to copy edit their stories for publication. Award recipients will receive a certificate and use of award program logo on promotional and marketing materials, including web sites. Recipients will be recognized through an awards ceremony and on the MDH Stroke Program website.

Submission Deadline

October 27th, 2023, 5:00 pm CT

Questions?

Please contact health.stroke@state.mn.us.

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