



***"Strength and growth only come through
continuous effort and struggle."***

Napoleon Hill

THROMBOLYSIS IN ACUTE STROKE COLLABORATIVE



Thrombolysis in Acute Stroke
Collaborative

NHS Elect has been working with NHS England and other key stakeholder organisations to design and deliver the Thrombolysis in Acute Stroke Collaborative (TASC) Cohort 1 for 6 sites nationally. This improvement collaborative combines practical expertise and experience to:

- Support improvement in stroke pathways, aligning with the Long Term Plan (LTP) ambition for enhanced thrombolysis delivery.
- Partner with ASCs/CSCs across NHS England to provide practical support to capture, develop and embed good practice to deliver and improve thrombolysis rates
- Create a repository of best practice case studies and guidance to support spread and sustainability of effective interventions across the ISDNs

The bid submission to join the next TASC cohort **closes on Friday 20th September**. Please submit your application via this [LINK](#).

PRE-HOSPITAL VIDEO TRIAGE

The East Midlands ISDN is currently supporting the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and United Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) are currently part way through a pilot using prehospital video triage (PVT) for suspected stroke patients. Whilst the pilot still has a number of months to run, initial results are showing significant benefits to the ambulance service, to the receiving acute trust and, most importantly, to the patient. Benefits include ED avoidance, direct TIA referrals, GP referrals for stroke mimics and potential for faster treatment for accepted stroke patients.

No further pilots will be funded by NHS England, however funding is available to ensure the successful completion of existing PVT pilots. The ISDN has requested additional funds to support the expansion of the current trial across the rest of the East Midlands. EMAS are greatly in favour of expanding the service which is supported by the national Stroke team. Expressions of interest close later this month and we will update any outcomes in terms of available funding for project management support as soon as we hear more.

Further details with data supporting the outcomes of the UHL pilot will be shared in the near future. If you have any questions regarding the possible implementation of PVT in your Trust, please contact the ISDN

BIASP WORKFORCE SURVEY

We are very aware of and concerned about the lack of Stroke Workforce nationally as well as locally, however the last published national figures are from the 2021 SSNAP Acute Organisational Audit.

Therefore, this week the East Midlands ISDN is sending out a link to a Microsoft Forms survey entitled 'THE ENGLAND STROKE MEDICAL WORKFORCE SURVEY 2024'. Developed in conjunction with BIASP (British and Irish Association of Stroke Physicians) and the acute clinical leads within the Wessex and East Midlands ISDNs to inform workforce planning nationally and locally.

BISAP are interested in using the same format to survey stroke services in the other 4 nations, so we will be able to get a much better idea of the state of the workforce across the whole of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.



TENECTAPLASE

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

NICE has published its final guidance recommending tenecteplase (also called Metalyse and made by Boehringer Ingelheim) as an option for treating acute ischaemic stroke in adults.

The clinical evidence showed tenecteplase was as effective as alteplase, which NICE also recommends, in breaking up blood clots or preventing new blood clots from forming (thrombolytic treatment) after an acute ischaemic stroke.

Because tenecteplase costs less than alteplase its use could potentially save the NHS £millions.

Tenecteplase is given during the early phase of a stroke (within 4.5 hours of symptoms starting and after bleeding in the brain has been excluded) and activates the production of plasmin, an enzyme that breaks down blood clots thereby helping to restore blood flow through the blocked artery.

Tenecteplase was licensed in the UK to treat ischaemic stroke in April 2024. It is given rapidly through a line in the vein.

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The next SSNAP dataset changes webinar for Community teams will introduce the new community measures. It will be on **30th September 09:15-10:15 on Teams.**

To register to attend, please follow this link [SSNAP - Dataset changes 2024 \(strokeaudit.org\)](https://strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Dataset-changes-2024) and click on the registration link in the table. There is also an opportunity to pre-submit questions prior to the webinar.

This webinar relates to measures and reporting for **community teams only.**

World Stroke Day is the 29th October 2024.

We would love to share what you are working on to improve public awareness and understanding of stroke with a focus on stroke prevention, symptom awareness and the needs of stroke survivors.

The next SSNAP dataset changes webinar will focus on Inpatient scoring. It will be on **25th September 14:00-15:00 on Teams.**

To register to attend, please follow this link [SSNAP - Dataset changes 2024 \(strokeaudit.org\)](https://strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Dataset-changes-2024) and click on the registration link in the table. There is also an opportunity to pre-submit questions prior to the webinar.

This webinar relates to scoring and KIs for **inpatient teams.**

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