

Important Information for Action Registry-GWTG Hospitals

Dear Participating Hospital:

We are extremely grateful for your partnership and long standing participation in the AHA's quality improvement programs and we can be rightfully proud of what we have accomplished together in improving the quality of cardiovascular care delivered to people in communities across the country.

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) recently communicated to you their decision that effective April 1, 2017, the ACC was ending the longstanding partnership between *ACTION Registry*® and *GWTG*™ (ARG) to transition to a new operating model under ACC's National Clinical Data Registries (NCDR). We wanted to follow up to share how the American Heart Association remains committed to continuing to work with you and your hospital to improve the cardiovascular care for patients and systems of care in communities.

The American Heart Association's *GWTG*™ and its *Mission: Lifeline* program will now be offered independent of the *ACTION Registry*. To support your continued participation in *Mission: Lifeline* and your cardiovascular quality improvement needs, we are relaunching AHA's *Get with the Guidelines-CAD* (GWTG-CAD) registry. Hospitals who previously participated in *GWTG-CAD*, and more recently in *ARG*, are invited to enroll in *GWTG-CAD* to continue participation in *Mission: Lifeline*. For the remainder of 2017, GWTG CAD will be offered **FREE** as part of the AHA's commitment to ensure a smooth transition for your hospital following ACC's announcement.

We are proud to be bringing back a new and improved *GWTG-CAD* Patient Management Tool with *Mission: Lifeline* data collection and real-time reporting capabilities with the functionality you have come to know, value and count on from our *Stroke*, *Heart Failure*, *Atrial Fibrillation* and *Resuscitation GWTG* registries. In addition to being specifically designed to simplify and reduce the burden of data collection requirements, *GWTG-CAD* will include the following features:

- Streamlined data collection to support *Mission: Lifeline* system reports and AHA Recognition
- Flexible patient populations with the ability to enter *STEMI* only or *NSTEMI* and *ACS* populations
- National and local recognition for award winning hospitals
- AHA's local quality improvement field staff support with expertise in *Systems of Care* implementation and regionalization
- Clinical tools, resources and best practice sharing
- Patient education resources
- Robust real-time reporting, including system of care and quality measures

- Future iterations to include additional elements and reports to support full CAD improvement efforts

You may enroll in AHA's GWTG-CAD registry and continue participation in *Mission: Lifeline* by contacting Lori Hollowell, National Sr. Program Manager at Lori.Hollowell@heart.org or your local AHA quality improvement specialist. Again, enrollment fees are waived for 2017 for all hospitals enrolling in GWTG-CAD.