AuSCR and the National Stroke Audit
Auditor User Guide
If your hospital uses the AuSDaT to collect data for the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry (AuSCR), previously entered data already in the tool can be expanded for the Stroke Foundation’s Acute Audit.

Data entered for overlapping variables (i.e. patient demographics, admission details, etc.) will be carried over, leaving you to populate only the remaining fields which are unique to the Acute Audit.

To locate previously entered AuSCR data use the search function within the patient record management screen; search by name, gender, DOB, admission date, etc.

Once you have located the AuSCR episode required for the Acute Audit, you can expand it for the National Audit of Acute Stroke Services 2019 program via patient record view.
AuSDaT | Audit Criteria

› It’s **vital** that any AuSCR episode you wish to expand for the Acute Audit is **eligible** (there is currently **NO** un-expand option). If this occurs, please contact the Stroke Foundation data & quality coordinator for assistance at [audit@strokefoundation.org.au](mailto:audit@strokefoundation.org.au)

› Please carefully review the **criteria** below and check for any **duplicate** AuSCR records before proceeding as expanding an ineligible record for the Acute Audit may result in **time wasted** and **inaccurate audit data**.

› **Eligible** patients must be **admitted** to, and **discharged** from, your hospital between **1 July - 31 December 2018**.
  Episodes also need to fall within specific ICD10 codes which are provided below:
   › **Medical records to request are**: 161.0-161.9 (Intracerebral haemorrhage), 163.0 – 163.9 (Cerebral infarction), 164 (Stroke not specific as haemorrhage or infarction) and 162.9 (Intracerebral haemorrhage unspecified).
   › **Case exclusion criteria**: cases with sub-arachnoid haemorrhage (160), subdural and extra-dural haematoma (162 & 162.1), and Transient Ischaemic Attacks (G45.9).
Once you have expanded an AuSCR episode, certain fields will be pre-populated with overlapping AuSCR data. A valid response must be provided to every Acute Audit question in order to complete the patient record for the Acute Audit program.

When in patient record edit or patient record view, you will see a “show/hide programs” option (see below). This can help to make it clear which Acute Audit questions still require an answer. This option allows you to select which AuSDaT program/s you want to see (‘Show’) and which program you want to hide.

Click on “show/hide programs” and tick the Acute Stroke Services Audit 2019 option to see only the questions required to complete the Acute Audit.
When editing a patient record you may notice certain sections may not turn green (this indicates completeness) even if all Acute Audit questions are answered.

This can be due to an AuSCR-specific question/s requiring an response. Therefore an answer is not required for the National Audit of Acute Stroke Services 2019.

All sections of the Audit of Acute Stroke Services 2019 program need to turn green for the record to achieve 100% completeness (see below).
3-5 reliability record audits are required per site. This is an essential process to ensure audit questions are being interpreted consistently.

When you have completed a patient file your **Hospital Coordinator** can ‘*close*’ a record (the status of this record for other programs, i.e. AuSCR, will still remain ‘*open*’ so you can still amend data in these programs if required).

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A **separate auditor** needs to login using their unique account to complete a reliability record.

Open a Acute Audit record via patient record management search and select ‘**create a reliability record**’. All values will be blank and the auditor will then answer the same audit questions on the patient.

As the separate auditor answers the Audit questions and each section will turn **green** as it is completed. When you have finished, click ‘**return to view**’. On the patient record view screen you should see a **pink message** at the top of your screen on completion.
Login and get started!

We hope you found this information useful.

To request a Hospital Coordinator user-account please email the Stroke Foundation’s Data & Quality Coordinator
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