

## SPOT AUDITS

### Information sheet for hospital sites

#### Background

The Stroke Foundation has been conducting the National Stroke Audit since 2007. The Audit process involves collection of a large data set measuring aspects of care outlined in the Clinical Guidelines for Stroke Management, alternating between Acute Services and Rehabilitation Services annually.

Feedback from Audit participants indicates that there is a desire to introduce the ability to do 'spot audits' on key aspects of multidisciplinary care (outside of the Audit cycle). Development of the Australian Stroke Data Tool (AuSDaT) means that we can offer clinicians access to these spot audits within the National Stroke Audit at any point in time.

A series of nine impairment based modules have been developed that can be used to monitor, in more detail, specific aspects of stroke care as part of ongoing quality improvement. Another module on referral to ongoing rehabilitation is also available. Further modules may be developed over time. The modules currently available are listed below:

- Continence
- Swallowing
- Fever & sugar management
- Arm function
- Hydration & nutrition
- Mobility
- Neglect
- Communication
- Mood
- Further rehabilitation

#### Steps for hospital sites to access the Spot Audit/s

1. Interested parties are advised to contact the Stroke Foundation at [audit@strokefoundation.org.au](mailto:audit@strokefoundation.org.au) to discuss the requirements of the Spot Audit.
2. The "Spot Audit Request - application form" should be completed and emailed to [audit@strokefoundation.org.au](mailto:audit@strokefoundation.org.au).
3. The completed form will be checked by the Stroke Foundation and then discussed with the AuSDaT Coordinator. (Note: this process may take **approximately 4 weeks**).
4. Once approved, you will be provided with confirmation details and the relevant Spot Audit/s will be made available as agreed.
5. Sites will be responsible to review / analyse their own data. Data can be exported by the site coordinator at any time but assistance can be provided at the completion of the defined time period. Templates will be provided to assist graphical presentation of the data collected.
6. Principal investigators/applicants will be required to abide by all the AuSDaT policies and procedures (<http://australianstrokecoalition.com.au/site/media/AuSDaT-Policies-and-Procedures-2017.pdf>) including acknowledgment of the Stroke Foundation and the AuSDaT.

For further information, please email [audit@strokefoundation.org.au](mailto:audit@strokefoundation.org.au)