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- I am interested in speaking to someone about participating in AuSCR
- I am interested in obtaining more information about AuSCR
- I am interested in linking my project with AuSCR

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What is AuSCR?

The Australian Stroke Clinical Registry (AuSCR) is a national clinical quality registry that stores data on patients who have had a stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA) and who are admitted to participating hospitals in Australia.

An online database is used by hospital staff to record the required information on patients during the acute phase of their illness, unless the patient chooses to opt-out of the registry. That is, patients can nominate to have some or all of their data not included in the database.

The AuSCR Office coordinates the follow-up of patients, a few months later, where information on the pattern of patient recovery and their health needs is collected by a mailed questionnaire or telephone survey.

Who is responsible for AuSCR?

The AuSCR is overseen by a consortium of four organisations: The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, The George Institute for Global Health (associated with the University of Sydney), the National Stroke Foundation and the Stroke Society of Australasia. The Florey is the current Data Custodian and coordinates the day-to-day activities of AuSCR. A Steering Committee comprising consumers and nationally representative experts provides governance oversight, while a Management Committee is responsible for routine decisions.

What are the aims of AuSCR?

Stroke affects more than 50,000 people in Australia every year. By detailing the patterns of treatment and health care, the data in AuSCR can contribute to:

- improved treatment for stroke in hospitals

- improved stroke care and rehabilitation
- development of stroke prevention measures
- improving the chances of recovery from stroke

Every Australian hospital – public/private or rural/metropolitan – is eligible to participate.

What information is collected?

A minimal amount of personal (identifiable) information about patients is collected so that health outcome can be assessed in the community. This is also to ensure that data related to their hospital stay, subsequent rehabilitation, health outcomes and follow-up can be accurately linked. The clinical information collected includes:

- was the patient able to walk on admission to hospital?
- did the patient show any evidence of previous strokes?
- did the patient receive thrombolysis?
- was the patient treated in a Stroke Unit?
- did the patient receive a care plan on discharge from hospital?
- was the patient discharged on blood pressure lowering medication?

From 2012, hospitals in Queensland collect an additional four clinical variables.

What will the information collected in AuSCR be used for?

The information collected is mainly to be used for quality improvement within hospitals. The data facilitates hospital-based quality improvement strategies and advances medical knowledge and expertise in the community. Hospitals that participate have access to

their own data for internal use and receive an annual report of clinical indicators with national comparisons.

How is the information kept secure?

The data collected is transmitted to the central AuSCR repository via a secure web-based system. A highly secure internet connection (known as Secure Sockets Layer) is used to protect against the loss, misuse and alteration of any information received from the participating hospitals. Other registry security measures include encryption of data and password authentication for system access.

Who can access the information collected in AuSCR?

The AuSCR Management Committee members and project staff, all of whom sign a Covenant of Confidentiality, have access to data in AuSCR. Third parties wishing to use the data for analysis, and the publication of reports, need to obtain approval initially from the AuSCR Research Task Group and then the AuSCR Management Committee ensure any relevant ethics committee approvals have been obtained.

Where can I get more information about AuSCR?

If you would like to participate or find out more about the AuSCR, please contact the Project Coordinator or complete, and return, the attached registration of interest form.

How can I support AuSCR?

The AuSCR was originally developed with the support of a grant from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. The AuSCR Management Committee is actively seeking ongoing financial support to ensure the expansion and maintenance of the registry in order to benefit all Australians. If you would like to support the AuSCR please contact the Project Coordinator.