

Tissue Plasminogen Activator (t-PA) Considered

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older undergoing active treatment for ischemic stroke for **each** hospital stay during the reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of ischemic stroke whose time from symptom onset to arrival is less than 3 hours who were considered for t-PA administration

What will you need to report for each hospital stay for patients under active treatment for ischemic stroke for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- The time of ischemic stroke symptom onset for each patient with a diagnosis of ischemic stroke:
 - Onset of less than three hours prior to arrival
 - Onset greater than or equal to 3 hours prior to arrival

If the time from symptom onset to arrival is less than three hours, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you considered administration of t-PA for the patient (includes patients to whom t-PA was given or patients for whom reasons for not being a candidate for t-PA therapy are documented)

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or eligible health professional to document when a process or outcome of care is not appropriate for a given patient (also called performance exclusions). Because this measure is applicable to most if not all patients, there are no allowable performance exclusions.