



ASCQI

(Ambulance Services Cardiovascular Quality Initiative)

Help lead the way in clinical care

Cardiovascular disease (CVD):

- is the commonest cause of death in the UK
- accounts for almost two thirds of early deaths
- death rate in the UK is one of the highest in Western Europe
- early and effective pre-hospital treatment prevents death, and has an important impact on long term health and future disability

Improving care

The ASCQI project aims to improve the delivery of pre-hospital care for CVD (STEMIs and strokes) as measured by the “care bundle” approach.

Our aims are to:

- ✓ Improve the care bundle figures
- ✓ Work out why we under-perform on certain elements
- ✓ Find ways to improve care e.g. earlier pain relief, different equipment etc

STEMI CPI Care Bundle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspirin • GTN • Pain scores (before & after treatment) • Analgesia (Morphine and/or Entonox)

STROKE CPI Care Bundle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-Arm-Speech-Test (FAST) • Blood glucose test • Blood pressure

There are no limits to what we can achieve, we just need ideas people from all skill levels to take part.

Get involved!!!

Small workshops of 3-10 clinicians (from ALL skill levels) will meet to identify ways to improve the clinical care of stroke and STEMI patients. Attendees will decide which clinical elements to focus on and debate and, at the end, all findings and suggestions will be fed back to the QIF (Chloe) for investigation and implementation. Those attending will also be taught highly transferable quality improvement tools such as process mapping and root cause analysis (great for CPD portfolios).

Why do it?

Great for CPD – It’s a high profile, national project and you could be instrumental in improving patient care.

Great for patients – we all love making a difference, and this is a real chance to do exactly that.

Great for clinical practice – it’ll get you thinking about why you do things one way rather than another. You’ll change the way you work...for the better!

Social – why not combine the workshop with a night out?

CPIs help quantify gaps in clinical quality but so much more can be done; not only in the short term, but well into the future too. This project really is about saving lives.

If you are interested in finding out more, or participating, please email Chloe Small at: gjf@gwas.nhs.uk



Long term, Sustainable, Improvement in Patient Outcomes for Cardiovascular Disease