

THE ESO ANGELS AWARDS ARE DESIGNED TO

# ACKNOWLEDGE & HONOUR

TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS  
COMMITTED TO QUALITY  
IMPROVEMENT IN STROKE  
PRACTICE AND TO ESTABLISH  
A CULTURE OF CONTINUED  
MONITORING.



## THE TIER SYSTEM

The European Stroke Organisation strongly supports participation of stroke centres in quality improvement programs in stroke care. The ESO Angels Awards platform captures the European Stroke Organisation's data collection quality measures. Based on your performance in these different measures your hospital will be recognised as a Stroke Ready Hospital, or hospital with Gold, Platinum or Diamond Status. The Angels quality improvement program is complementary to the stroke unit certification system run by ESO, the stroke care guidelines developed and published by ESO, and the educational activities coordinated by ESO. The achieved status will be valid for 12 calendar months. Regular data capture and submission, together with consistent performance will maintain your achieved tier status.

|   | REGISTERED STROKE<br>READY HOSPITAL | GOLD STATUS               | PLATINUM STATUS           | DIAMOND STATUS            |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Registration requirements   | Registration criteria met           | Registration criteria met | Registration criteria met | Registration criteria met |
| % of patients treated with door to recanalisation therapy time < 60 minutes             |                                     | 50%                       | 75%                       | 75%                       |
| % of patients treated with door to recanalisation therapy time < 45 minutes             |                                     |                           |                           | 50%                       |
| % recanalisation procedure rate out of total ischaemic stroke incidence in the hospital |                                     | 5%                        | 15%                       | 25%                       |
| % of all suspected stroke patients undergoing CT or MRI imaging procedure               |                                     | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| % of all stroke patients undergoing dysphagia screen                                    |                                     | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| % of ischaemic stroke patients discharged with antiplatelets                            |                                     | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| % of atrial fibrillation related stroke patients discharged with anticoagulants         |                                     | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| Stroke patients treated in a dedicated stroke unit or ICU during their hospital stay    |                                     |                           |                           | YES                       |

## THE REWARDS

All hospitals that qualify for an ESO Angels Award will receive materials to promote their status to the public community. ESO will recognise all those achieving Diamond Status at its annual ESO conference attended by leading experts in the field.



## ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER

Successful registration of a hospital as “Stroke Ready”, the entry tier level for the awards, will be measured by the following criteria.

The hospital needs to have an emergency department, a CT scanner, a clinical laboratory and access to beds to place stroke patients after acute treatment

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The hospital should have access to pharmacological or interventional recanalisation therapy

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The hospital needs to have a specialist or a responsible person that will drive the implementation of the project in the hospital

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The hospital must have a team of medical professionals (the Stroke Team) committed to:

- having special arrangements in place for treating stroke patients differently
- having clearly defined protocols to follow
- being educated on why they do what they do
- being monitored on an continuous basis to maintain set quality standards
- having a Code Stroke notification procedure

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Hospitals that capture treatment data in one of the pre-approved registries or databases can apply to the ESO for a reward by submitting a report summarising their performance. Applications are based on the European Stroke Organisation’s quality measures. If you are not yet Stroke Ready, join the Angels Initiative as an Associate member to gain access to the tools and resources available on the Angels website, furthering your education and working towards establishing a stroke unit at your hospital.

## ANGELS PLUS ... THE “UNFAIR ADVANTAGE”

Angels Plus... make every second count. Do you know where you are losing time? Angels Plus allows you to capture the most relevant time stamps and actions. Capture data in one of two different ways, each designed specifically to target different hospital needs. See if you can reduce your door-to-therapy time by more than your peers or perhaps even more than Atte Meretoya from Helsinki when he went to Melbourne. The challenge is on. Visit the Angels website to find out more.

## THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Spirit of Excellence Award is given to those who embody excellence in stroke care in their dealings with patients, other members of the hospital team, those who strive to raise the standard of excellence in their hospital. Visit the Angels website to nominate your peers.