

Washington State Emergency Cardiac and Stroke System Update #2, February 4, 2011

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Applications

A big thank you to all of you who sent in applications to participate in the Emergency Cardiac and Stroke System. We'll send you confirmation of receipt when your applications are fully logged in. We received applications from 72 hospitals:

Cardiac Level I: 29 applications
Cardiac Level II: 28 applications
Stroke Level I: 9 applications
Stroke Level II: 25 applications
Stroke level III: 26 applications.

We really appreciate all the hard work that went into the applications and making sure your hospitals met the criteria to participate.

A few people asked if the applications are public documents. The answer is yes, unless a hospital indicates that a specific page in a document has confidential information (patient identifiers etc.). We didn't ask for anything that would have such information, but if you sent something that should be confidential, let me know and we can stamp it confidential.

Future Application Periods

April 1, 2011 – May 31, 2011. Applications will be available for request on April 1 and due on May 31. There will be minor changes to the checklists to correct errors we found this time around, and possibly to improve their user-friendliness. If you're going to apply in April, we suggest you wait to fill out an application until the new applications are available. The criteria and documentation won't change so you can still work on your applications.

July 1, 2011 – August, 30, 2011, and then ever January and July as necessary.

Implementation Phase-In Reminder

We sent out an email on January 10, 2011 informing you that we would be phasing in implementation of the ECS System rather than "going live" across the state July 1, 2011. From the email message: "We recognize that not all communities will be ready to implement the

system locally that soon. Some communities will take longer than others due, in part, to resource availability, how far along hospitals are in developing their programs, and how far along communities are in developing local EMS plans for the new system. In light of this, the emergency cardiac and stroke system will be phased in, community by community, based on the individual community's readiness." See attachment for full message (this is just one of the emails sent out; we sent the same message to several other distribution lists).

Emergency Cardiac and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee (ECS TAC) Meeting February 15, 2011, Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland

This is the committee that helped the Department of Health develop the ECS System. The committee will continue to advise the department during implementation and beyond. We will be discussing the cardiac and stroke triage tools, a data project, and miscellaneous issues related to implementation. This is a public meeting but space is very limited. Let me know if you plan on attending. You can listen to the meeting through speakerphone via teleconference. I can't promise you'll be able to hear all speakers, but we'll do our best.

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