

Message from the American College of Cardiology

ACC and AHA to Merge ACTION Registry(R) and GWTG-CAD/

We're pleased to announce that the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the American Heart Association (AHA) have agreed to merge the NCDR® (National Cardiovascular Data Registry) ACTION Registry with the Get With The GuidelinesSM-Coronary Artery Disease registry. The two organizations will co-manage the new registry that will be named **ACTION Registry®-GWTG™**.

"The merger between the NCDR ACTION Registry and the AHA GWTG-CAD registry has long been a dream of the cardiovascular professional community and our nation's hospitals," says Ralph Brindis, NCDR CMO. "A single, national ACS registry under the guidance of the leading cardiovascular care organizations will facilitate a leap forward in the improvement of the quality and safety of care of patients with cardiovascular disease."

What this means for you:

Combining the best of the ACTION Registry v2.0 and GWTG-CAD into the new ACTION Registry-GWTG means that NCDR Regional Medical Center will benefit by receiving:

- Even more tools to improve the quality of ACS patient care
- Newly aligned definitions that eliminate the collection of similar, yet redundant data
- Streamlined reporting via custom export of the clinical data elements for AMI core measures
- Eligibility for participation in the nationally recognized GWTG Recognition Program

Here's what remains unchanged:

- The NCDR Support Center phone number
- The data collection processes, the real-time weekly reports, and the quarterly benchmark reports that you depend on

There's more to come!

Over the next 6-8 months, we'll be sending you more information and communications with the new ACTION Registry®-GWTG™ name. For now, we've included a [FAQ sheet](#) that will answer many of your questions. Please keep in mind that there is no action required on your part - the integration of the two registries will be seamless from your perspective.

If you have additional questions, please call the NCDR Support Staff at 800-257-4737.

Thank you for your continued participation during this exciting time for cardiovascular care!