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| <b>DATE:</b>         | <b>April 9, 2016</b>  |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>      | <b>Update on DNV GL Comprehensive Stroke Program</b>                        |
| <b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> | <b>All DNV GL – CSC Healthcare Customers, Employees and Sub-contractors</b> |
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I know that some of you have been hearing that the Joint Commission announced that they had discontinued CSTK-07 Median Time to Revascularization measure and asked if DNV GL was going to do the same. We had discussed it and decided that we were not going to stop requiring that measure. The other day, I received a letter from AHA discussing this issue. While difficult, AHA has also decided that they will keep on using that measure and stated:

*“However, despite the difficulty with this metric, strategies can be implemented at the institutional level to effect change and allow for accurate measurement. GWTG is planning to develop a data collection tool to facilitate accurate documentation and data collection. Updates are forthcoming. For now, we would encourage your site to continue to collect the date and time of first pass within GWTG-Stroke and to continue to monitor your site performance. There will be no immediate changes to these data elements within the GWTG-Stroke Patient Management Tool (PMT) system.”*

We will keep you alerted when there are changes that you might need to know. If you are using GWTG, you may soon be seeing a tab, designed for DNV GL to use for your metrics. There may be some directions in GWTG on CSTK-07 in there, so be alert at that site as well.

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions. My contact info is below.

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Regards,  
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