

What about QOF

Existing AF QOF Allocation

AF01	The practice can produce a register of patients with AF	5
AF02	The % of patients with AF diagnosed with ECG or specialist confirmed diagnosis	10
AF03	The % of patients with AF who are currently treated with anti-coagulation drug therapy or an anti-platelet therapy	13



REPORT BY THE
COMPTROLLER AND
AUDITOR GENERAL
HC 291
SESSION 2009-2010
3 FEBRUARY 2010

Department of Health

Progress in improving stroke care

Preventing More Strokes

3.17 *The best way of improving the value for money of stroke care is by preventing strokes from occurring.*

3.18 *GPs play an important role in managing key risk factors associated with stroke... since our previous report, GPs' management of high blood pressure and atrial fibrillation within the Framework remains steady... However, this data does not include patients who are not on GPs' registers...*



REPORT BY THE
COMPTROLLER AND
AUDITOR GENERAL

HC 291
SESSION 2009–2010
3 FEBRUARY 2010

Department of Health

Progress in improving stroke care

3.19 *Atrial fibrillation (AF) is a major risk factor for stroke....*

However, the current indicators for managing atrial fibrillation in the Quality and Outcomes Framework reward practices for treating appropriate patients with any anti-coagulation drug or anti-platelet therapy rather than specifically with warfarin.



REPORT BY THE
COMPTROLLER AND
AUDITOR GENERAL

HC 291
SESSION 2009–2010
3 FEBRUARY 2010

Department of Health

Progress in improving stroke care

3.20 *NICE guidance recommends that the most effective treatment, for patients with atrial fibrillation post-stroke, is with warfarin. However, only 24 per cent of stroke patients with the condition were discharged from hospital on warfarin in 2008, and only a further 9 per cent of patients were planned to receive it in future.*

What could QoF Look Like

- AF01-The practice can produce a register of patients with AF
- AF02-% over 65yrs with a pulse check
- AF03-The % of patients with AF diagnosed with ECG or specialist confirmed diagnosis
- AF04-% AF with a risk assessment performed
- AF05-% at risk patients on oral anticoagulants

Food for thought...

- 150,000 strokes per year in the UK₁
- 410 per day
- 17 per hour
- Within the next four hours, 10 patients with AF will have suffered a stroke
- 8 would have been known to be high risk of stroke
- 6 should have been on warfarin
- 3 will go home
- 5 will end up in residential care
- 2 will die....

**We need to do
better!**