A big thank you to everyone who contributed results during the COVID-19 period! Your contributions allowed SSNAP to produce monthly national COVID reports; this data will be extremely powerful, but it is only possible thanks to you.

A few key findings:
- Stroke admissions fell overall by about 13%, fewer milder strokes.
- Reperfusion held up quite well.
- Clinical quality improved thanks to fewer admissions and more beds.
- Mortality increased significantly, and dramatically so if your patient had a stroke and COVID-19.

What happened to stroke admissions during COVID-19?
WHAT’S COMING UP FOR SSNAP?

Additional Data Collection
To help support the delivery of the long-term plan SSNAP will be introducing some new measures to the core dataset and reports over the next year.

Organisational Audits
The next post-acute organisational audit is set to take place March 2021. Thank you to those who provided feedback. Electronic piloting will take place January 2021, contact ssnap@kcl.ac.uk if you are interested in taking part.

Additional reports
SSNAP are busy designing a range of new reporting outputs, including reporting at ISDN-level, a new thrombectomy report, and online ‘real-time’ reporting.

For advice on preparing for these changes or opportunities to get involved, watch our UKSF Snapshot Session from SSNAP Clinical Director Professor Martin James.

NATIONAL DATA OPT OUT

From 1 April 2021, all healthcare providers in England must comply with the National Data Opt Out.

Patient data entered into SSNAP is subject to the Opt Out, each patient’s NHS numbers MUST be screened against the national opt out list at NHS Digital prior to ANY of their data being entered onto the SSNAP webtool.

By adding and locking a record on SSNAP (either to 72 hours or discharge), you are confirming that the patient’s NHS number has been screened against the national opt out list and has not opted-out of inclusion of their data in SSNAP. Please check with your Trust’s Information Governance team for local arrangements by which the screen should take place.

Guidance on the policy and how to comply with the policy is available here. We also have guidance regarding SSNAP and the Opt-Out in our help area here. We are currently working on adding webtool consent notifications to records at points of data flow and will be working with teams to try to increase the explicit consent rate where possible.

Follow us on Twitter @SSNAPaudit, for info on SSNAP outputs, events and research, and reminders of data-locking deadlines.

NEXT REPORTING DEADLINE

1 February 2021
• Inpatient team data-locking deadline for October-December 2020 reporting period
• Non-inpatient team data-locking deadline for July-December 2020 reporting period

Future data-locking deadlines can be found here.

We understand that the pandemic may have impacted on admissions or data entry at your trust. Please do get in touch if you are experiencing issues with data entry and case ascertainment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SSNAP!

USER GROUPS

SSNAP are launching a series of monthly user groups for acute and post-acute stroke care providers, starting in December 2020. These user groups will be an opportunity to learn about upcoming developments, dataset changes and changes to reporting, as well as discuss any questions you may have around SSNAP data entry and reporting outputs.

Ask our booth for more info!