

## FACT SHEET WSO Angels Awards and Dashboard

The World Stroke Organisation (WSO) and the Angels Initiative have partnered to provide the WSO Angels Awards, to identify hospitals with high levels of stroke care. Hospitals that participate in the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry (AuSCR) are automatically eligible for consideration of an award.

In October 2023, the AuSCR moved from reporting on WSO Angels Award eligibility yearly to quarterly. This aligns with the provision of WSO Angels Awards globally – see [WSO Angels Awards | World Stroke Organization \(world-stroke.org\)](https://www.world-stroke.org)

### WSO Angels Awards Calculations

Awards are calculated quarterly using data entered into the AuSCR. Hospitals with at least 30 episodes entered during the reporting quarter are eligible for award consideration, and hospitals with low volumes of patients will have quarters combined.

| Award Calculation Dates |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Quarter                 | Eligibility Date |
| One (January-March)     | 16th April       |
| Two (April-June)        | 16th July        |
| Three (July-September)  | 16th October     |
| Four (October-December) | 16th January     |

The timelines align with WSO Angels Award calculations, globally.

At the conclusion of the quarter (16<sup>th</sup> of following month), the AuSCR team will review the data for each hospital's quarter. Those that appear eligible to receive an award, or where there is some ambiguity, will be sent to an independent award adjudicator, in a de-identified manner. They will review the data and confirm eligibility before the WSO Angels Team and hospitals are notified.

The criteria for the WSO Angels Awards include:

| Registration requirements   | GOLD STATUS               | PLATINUM STATUS           | DIAMOND STATUS            |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Registration criteria met | Registration criteria met | Registration criteria met |
| % of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to needle time ≤ 60 minutes                          | 50%                       | 75%                       | 75%                       |
| % of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to needle time ≤ 45 minutes                          | -                         | <50%                      | 50%                       |
| % of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to groin time ≤ 120 minutes                          | 50%                       | 75%                       | 75%                       |
| % of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to groin time ≤ 90 minutes                           | -                         | <50%                      | 50%                       |
| % recanalisation procedure rate out of total ischaemic stroke incidence in the hospital               | 5%                        | 15%                       | 25%                       |
| % of all suspected stroke patients undergoing CT or MRI imaging procedure                             | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| % of all stroke patients undergoing dysphagia screen  | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| % of non-atrial fibrillation ischaemic stroke or TIA patients prescribed antithrombotics at discharge | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| % of atrial fibrillation related stroke or TIA patients prescribed anticoagulants at discharge        | 80%                       | 85%                       | 90%                       |
| Stroke patients treated in a dedicated stroke unit or ICU during their hospital stay                  | -                         | -                         | YES                       |

CT: Computed Tomography; ICU: Intensive Care Unit; MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging; TIA: Transient ischaemic attack  
Source: [www.angels-initiative.com/angels-awards/wso-award-winners#tier-system](https://www.angels-initiative.com/angels-awards/wso-award-winners#tier-system)

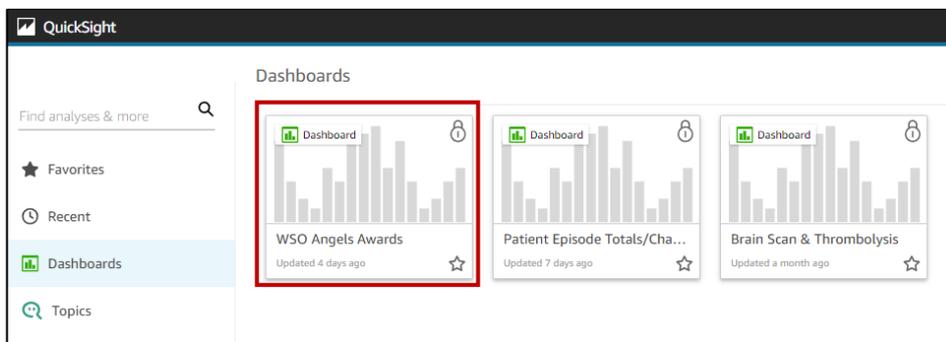
Figure 1: WSO Angels Awards Criteria

As not all variables used in the WSO Angels Awards are currently collected in the AuSCR, some minor changes to how these awards are calculated for Australian Hospitals have been made. These include:

- Episodes of TIA are not included.
- The AuSCR only collects data on patients discharged on antithrombotic medications, but not specifically for those with atrial fibrillation. Therefore, the WSO awards in Australia do not consider the metric relating to prescription of anticoagulant medications in patients with atrial fibrillation.
- The AuSCR only collects data on patients treated in a stroke unit and not in an intensive care unit. The WSO awards in Australia therefore only examine the proportion of episodes treated in a stroke unit.

## QuickSight Dashboard

A QuickSight dashboard is available for all participating AuSCR hospitals to view their performance against awards indicators. This will be available to select from your QuickSight home screen, titled “WSO Angels Awards”. This dashboard will show the current quarter (beginning Quarter 4, 2023).



At the top of the dashboard, there will be a list of filters available. These include:

- Gender
- Age Group (Years)
- Hospital Transfer In
- Arrival In/Out of hours

These filters are not applied for the calculation of awards unless indicated but are provided here to enable you to explore your data further for the current quarter.

The dashboard will display a table with the award criteria for each indicator (as shown in Figure 1) for the current quarter. Data is pulled directly from AuSCR and updated every night at midnight.

| YOUR HOSPITAL  |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| Quarter 4 2023 |   |   |
| Eligibility    | n | N |



Your hospital's current quarter percentage score for each indicator will be shown in the "Eligibility" column. The numerator used to calculate that score will be shown in the "n" column, and the denominator will be shown in the "N" column.

Where <30 episodes are entered for a quarter, the total number of episodes will be **red**.

If the criteria for an award **has not been met**, the **text will be black**.

If the criteria for an award for an individual metric has been met, the proportion will be in **green text**.

The numerator (n) showing how many episodes received the indicator and the denominator (N) the total number of episodes are also shown. The calculation for the proportion is  $n/N$ .

| YOUR HOSPITAL<br>Quarter 4 2023 |    |    |
|---------------------------------|----|----|
| Eligibility                     | n  | N  |
| 18                              |    | 18 |
| 0%                              | 0  | 2  |
| 73%                             | 11 | 15 |

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## Frequently Asked Questions: WSO Angels Awards

**Do I have to enter my hospital to be considered for an award?**

All participating AuSCR hospitals will be considered for a WSO Angels award each quarter. You do not need to do anything else to be considered.

**Why are the awards calculated quarterly, rather than yearly?**

The WSO Angels awards are now being calculated quarterly in Australia, to align with the provision of these awards internationally. This allows Australian hospitals to now be considered for awards alongside hospitals in countries across the globe.

**Will hospitals still be considered for annual awards?**

The WSO Awards will now be considered quarterly only, in line with how awards are provided globally. The Australian Stroke Coalition awards will still be considered annually.

**What if I haven't completed my data entry for the quarter by the eligibility date?**

Although it is preferable to have the quarter complete prior to the eligibility date, as long as 30 episodes have been entered in that quarter, you will be considered for an award. Please note that if data is not complete, the award will be calculated only using the data entered by the eligibility date.

**If I enter more data for the quarter after the eligibility date, can I be considered for an award at a later stage?**

No, each quarter will only be reviewed once on the eligibility date.



### **Why is the award consideration date so soon after the end of the quarter?**

These dates are set by the WSO globally and are unable to be changed by the AuSCR. We understand not all hospitals will be able to complete their data by these deadlines. As above, as long as 30 consecutive episodes are entered, your hospital can be considered. We hope this will be an incentive for hospitals to keep up to date with data entry

### **I am from a small hospital and won't have 30 episodes per quarter. Will I still be considered for an award?**

Yes. For low volume hospitals (< 30 episodes per quarter), quarters will be combined by the AuSCR team to provide over 30 episodes to be considered. You will only be able to see one quarter on your dashboard.

### **We have won an award! How can we advertise this?**

Congratulations! There are resources for hospitals to download including media releases here: [WSO Angels Awards | Angels Initiative \(angels-initiative.com\)](#).

### **How do I access my WSO awards dashboard?**

If you already have a QuickSight account, the dashboard will be available to select from your home screen. If you do not have a QuickSight account yet, please email your state coordinator to have this set up.

### **Where can I see past winners?**

Previous award winners can be seen here: [WSO Angels Awards | Angels Initiative \(angels-initiative.com\)](#)

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