



NCDR International Participation Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the benefits of joining the NCDR?

As an NCDR International participant, you will have access to the following benefits:

- Quarterly benchmark reports from a trusted source for cardiovascular clinical data collection, showing your hospital data as compared to the US aggregate
- Access to our clinical quality consultants for ongoing support via email and phone
- Two convenient choices for data submission; through our online data collection tool or through certified software vendors
- Opportunity to participate in NCDR sponsored research
- Complimentary registration for one member of your cardiac care team to the NCDR Annual Conference held prior the ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions is included in your enrollment fee

2. Who is eligible to participate in the NCDR?

The NCDR allows participation to those international facilities that provide services in a clinical area represented by one of our registries:

Registry	Clinical Focus
ACTION Registry®-GWTG™	Acute myocardial infarction
CathPCI Registry®	Diagnostic cardiac catheterization and percutaneous coronary intervention
ICD Registry™	Implantable cardioverter defibrillator and leads procedures
IMPACT Registry®	Pediatric and adult congenital treatment procedures
PVI Registry™	Peripheral vascular intervention procedures

3. Is the STS/ACC TVT Registry™ open to international facilities?

The TVT Registry is not open to international facilities at this time, but we do anticipate it being available in the future. Please continue to check the [website](#) for the status of the TVT Registry's international participation.

4. Can international facilities participate in the PINNACLE Registry®?

If you are interested in participating in NCDR's outpatient registry, the PINNACLE Registry, please contact Nathan Glusenkamp, Team Leader–PINNACLE Registry, at nathan.glusenkamp@acc.org.

5. Is the NCDR available in other languages?

NCDR data collection and reports are currently only available in English.

6. What is the cost to participate in the NCDR?

The participation fee is the same as the US domestic rate with a nominal annual administrative fee for international facilities which covers the additional legal, technical and account management costs. To obtain the current participation fee for each registry, please contact the NCDR at 1-800-257-4737 or at ncdr@acc.org.

7. Are any discounts available?

A hospital system with three or more participating facilities may be eligible for a discount. For more information and to see if your system qualifies, please contact us at ncdr@acc.org or at 1-800-257-4737.

8. What IT infrastructure is required for participating in the NCDR?

For optimal functionality, particularly for the online data collection tools and report dashboards, the following are required:

- Operating System - Microsoft Windows 2007 or higher
- Browser - Internet Explorer 9.0 (only)
- Microsoft Excel version 2007 or higher (will not accept versions older than 2007)
- Adobe PDF Reader

9. How do I submit data to the NCDR?

We offer two ways for data submission; through our web-based data collection tool or through a certified software vendor. The list of vendors can be found on our website at <https://www.ncdr.com/WebNCDR/home/softwarevendors>

10. What staffing resources are required for registry management?

Each participating institution must designate and provide contact information for the following roles for each registry:

- **Registry Site Manager**—The Registry Site Manager is the primary point of contact for each assigned registry and will supervise the data collection, confirm the accuracy of the data and receive the confidential reports on behalf of the participating facility. This individual serves as the primary liaison for the assigned registry.
- **Medical Director**—The Physician Medical Director serves as the medical staff liaison for the assigned registry.
- **Executive Sponsor**—The Executive Sponsor ensures adequate resources are in place to support registry activities.

11. What is included in the NCDR reports?

NCDR provides comprehensive, detailed outcome reporting through:

- Quarterly risk-adjusted benchmark reports that compare your facility's performance with that of volume-based peer groups and US national aggregate
- Executive summary dashboards for big-picture reviews, at-a-glance assessments and patient level drill-downs
- Data quality reports that help ensure that the data you submit are complete and consistent

12. Is registry training or orientation available?

Yes, training and orientation are available in the form of:

- New user conference calls
- Monthly registry site manager (RSM) calls
- NCDR Annual Conference
- NCDR LinkedIn Participant Group
- Monthly *NCDR News & Views Newsletter*
- Registry-specific online resources, including on-demand webinars
- Informative announcements regularly posted on each registry home page within the participant portion of the website