

# MACSTRAK PROJECT

**Information in this program will be used for quality assurance and cardiac research.**

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**The Macstrak Project is a quality assurance program used to improve cardiac patient care at your hospital and nationally.**

**For more information contact:**

Your bedside nurse

or

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## **Why will this program collect my health information?**

Part of best practice in every hospital involves collecting information on how patients are being treated and what treatments they receive. During your hospital stay, your information may be collected and used for quality assurance. These quality assurance programs assist hospitals in assessing their treatment patterns and help to determine if they are following the current recommended guidelines for treatment. Quality assurance programs are a way of ensuring that you are receiving the best possible care during your hospital stay. To protect your privacy and identity, only two patient identifiers (initials and birth date) are recorded. This is the minimum information needed to track your care. Your name or any other identifier is not recorded as part of this program. Individual patient data is never disclosed. Instead, all patient information is compiled into one hospital-specific report as well as being included in regional, like-hospital and national reports for your hospital to compare their care to benchmarks.

Although the program is designed for hospital quality assurance purposes, there are occasions when the national data is used by researchers to assess patterns of cardiac disease and treatment patterns at a national level. All potential research uses of the data are approved by a hospital Ethics Review Board and all uses of the data are consistent with the goal of improving cardiac patient care.

## **What if I don't want my information in the program?**

Should you not want information of your visit included, notify your nurse and your information will not be recorded.



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