

Southwestern Ontario Stroke Strategy Objectives FY 2010-2012

HEALTH PROMOTION & PREVENTION

- Explore feasibility and, if possible, create awareness stroke prevention awareness using social media resources
- Influence policy development and implementation that supports stroke prevention
- Foster continued momentum for vascular prevention /hypertension management initiatives in the Southwest (SW) region
- Collaborate with regional community partners to create/implement culturally-specific prevention strategies/materials
- Promote integration of Stroke Prevention with prevention of other chronic diseases
- Incorporate mental health issues/conditions in strategies for stroke and chronic disease prevention

PRE-HOSPITAL

- Advocate for provincially mandated stroke protocol paramedic training, support regional and local training and education

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Support implementation of provincial telestroke program
- Support Stroke Centres and Base Hospital in implementation of expanded window of time for thrombolysis

ACUTE CARE

- Support the establishment/sustainability of acute stroke units within the region
- Support the ongoing development of a stroke nursing care network
- Support the sustainability of Alpha FIM training and data management in the SWO region
- Support the implementation of best practices in acute care utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, e.g., hemi-arm protocol, DVT prophylaxis

EDUCATION

- Implement strategic education action plans in order to support knowledge translation
- Increase awareness among health care providers of chronic disease self-management approaches
- Support the adoption of interprofessional collaborative practice with health care providers in southwestern Ontario
- Complete regional professional education initiatives
- Develop Education proposal for FY 11/12
- Support the continuing education needs of the Community Stroke Rehab Teams and the Chatham-Kent Transition Team
- Develop and implement the telestroke education plan for Alexandra Marine & General Hospital staff



REHABILITATION MANAGEMENT

- Create/support stroke rehabilitation communities of practice in each stroke district to enhance cross continuum communication and processes, and knowledge translation at a local/clinical level
- Coordinate the development, implementation and evaluation of the Community Stroke Rehabilitation Teams funded in the SW LHIN through the Aging at Home Initiative
- Support adoption and implementation of a core set of standardized outcome measures among stroke rehabilitation providers.
- Achieve equitable access to inpatient rehabilitation for stroke survivors across the region
- Create and implement standardized admission criteria for stroke rehabilitation based on recommendations from the Ontario Stroke Rehabilitation Systems Consensus Panel
- Advocate that evidence based criteria for referral of stroke survivors to rehabilitation are incorporated into electronic resource matching and referral system
- Investigate the possibility of incorporating standards for stroke rehabilitation into MOH funding for designated rehabilitation programs

LTC & COMMUNITY

- Enhance community-based care for stroke survivors, consistent with best practices
- Assist and collaborate with the Oxford Community Stroke Navigation Group to evaluate the effectiveness of a LTC Navigation Tool
- Implement regional & provincial priorities outlined in the "Pathways for People with Stroke to Live Fully in the Community" Report
- Collaborate with Brain Injury Association Chatham-Kent (BIACK), Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Chatham-Kent District Stroke Centre and the University of Windsor to disseminate results of the evaluation of programs/supports for stroke survivors at the New Beginnings Clubhouse in Chatham
- Assist and facilitate the implementation of evidence based education and community integration programs for stroke survivors
- Provide current information and best practices for stroke care to HCPs working in LTC Sector
- Collaborate with the "Return to Work Working Group" to create and advocate for vocational rehabilitation services and resources for stroke survivors across SW Ontario

OTHER (CQI, EVALUATION, RESEARCH, INFRASTRUCTURE, KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER, ETC.)

- Ensure sustainable regional/district stroke infrastructure
- Support the strategic directions and work plan of OSN
- Support the South West and Erie St. Clair LHINS in implementing their respective Integrated Health Services Plan2
- Enhance communication across regional & district teams
- Evaluate the effectiveness of secondary stroke prevention education provided by the RNs on each of the CSRTs to their stroke survivor clients
- Support the development of additional stroke health care communities of practice
- Represent Southwestern Ontario Stroke Strategy and Ontario Stroke System on committees and task teams relevant to stroke care
- Ensure membership on Regional Advisory Committees is appropriate; strengthen relationships with host hospitals, LHINS and other stakeholders
- Support implementation of recommendations in provincial reviews of stroke regions, districts
- Enhance SWO Stroke Strategy profile with health care professionals with consistent, timely, and relevant communications vehicles

Alpha- FIM	a subset of FIM (Functional Independence Measure)
CIHI	Canadian Institute for Health Information
CTA	Computerized Tomography Angiogram
LHIN	Local Health Integrated Network
LHSC	London Health Sciences Centre
LTC	Long Term Care
MDS-RAI	Minimum Data Set, Resident Assessment Instrument
MOH	Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
SEAC	Stroke Evaluation Advisory Committee
SW	Southwest
SWO	Southwestern Ontario