

Chatham-Kent District Stroke Centre

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The Chatham-Kent District Stroke Centre and Secondary Prevention Clinic continue to provide and lead many stroke best practice initiatives within our local community. Our District Stroke Council functions as a forum for collaborative planning and priority identification in the region.

An overview of some of our activities and our successes:

- Our District Stroke Centre collaborates with the Brain Injury Association of Chatham-Kent (BLACK) and supported their facilitation of the Living with Stroke program.
- The National Institute of Health Stroke Scale training at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance was well-received by the large group of Emergency and Intensive Care nurses in attendance.
- The Transitional Stroke Program underwent an evaluation which was generally positive. A significant theme of the evaluation was the importance of partnerships to support community reintegration.
- Our eighth annual Stroke Garden Party, "Back in the Saddle Again" was a gala event with survivors and families in attendance. We learned about 'therapeutic riding' and our own survivor/volunteer proudly rode a very large horse on the riverbank and successfully demonstrated the technique - as many of us held our breath!.
- The Acute Stroke Management Clinical Toolkit was developed in Chatham-Kent and officially released in the fall of 2011 and then presented at the Canadian Stroke Congress as an electronic poster by Laurie Zimmer. The electronic toolkit is hosted on at www.swostroke.ca and is a permanent icon on CKHA's computer desktops.



We will continue to support and collaborate for dissemination of stroke best practice recommendations across the continuum of care and advocate for the provision and implementation of seamless transitions between acute, rehabilitation and community sectors within Chatham-Kent.

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