

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO STROKE NETWORK (SWOSN)

The Ontario Stroke System carves Ontario into 11 stroke regions. Southwestern Ontario Stroke Network covers the Erie St. Clair and South West Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs). Southwestern Ontario Stroke Network is hosted by London Health Sciences Centre which is also the Regional Acute Stroke Centre. Parkwood Institute, St. Joseph's Health Care London is the Regional Rehabilitation Stroke Centre.

Vision: Fewer Strokes. Better Outcomes.

Mission: To continuously improve stroke prevention, care, recovery and re-integration

Strategic Directions:

- Credible Advisor to Improve Stroke Prevention and Care Delivery
- Leadership and Coordination
- Evaluation to Support Continuous Improvement
- Innovation and Knowledge
- Best Practices across the Continuum of Stroke Care

Mandated to:

- Provide leadership to the development, implementation and coordination of stroke care for the region and the provision of stroke care based on best practices and evidence, across the care continuum
- Participate in ongoing education/training and providing coordinated stroke services based on best practices and evidence
- Maintain a regional network

Partnerships:

There are 5 District Stroke Centres in the Southwestern Ontario region that provide stroke rehabilitation in addition to the Regional Stroke Rehabilitation Centre:

- Sarnia Lambton provided by Bluewater Health – Sarnia
- Chatham-Kent provided by Chatham - Kent Health Alliance – Chatham
- Huron Perth provided by Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (Stratford General Hospital) – Stratford
- Grey Bruce provided by Grey Bruce Health Services – Owen Sound
- Windsor Essex provided by Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare – Windsor (District Stroke Centre, Windsor Regional Hospital)

The Heart and Stroke Foundation issues guidelines for best practices in stroke care, across the continuum with a refresh every two years.

Ontario Stroke Network (OSN) is the coordinating body for the Ontario Stroke System. It builds consistency, advocates at a provincial level, provides evaluation at the provincial, regional, LHIN and sub-LHIN levels, and leads provincial quality improvement initiatives. We are linked through membership on numerous OSN provincial operational committees and Board sub-committees.

We link with all organizations and agencies across the continuum of stroke care to explore opportunities to promote the uptake of best practices: public health units, stroke recovery associations, acute and rehabilitation hospitals, Community Care Access Centres (CCACs), Long Term Care Homes, community support service organizations, and voluntary organizations. There are several advisory committees to the regional network and a regional steering committee.

To access SWOSN website: www.swostroke.ca