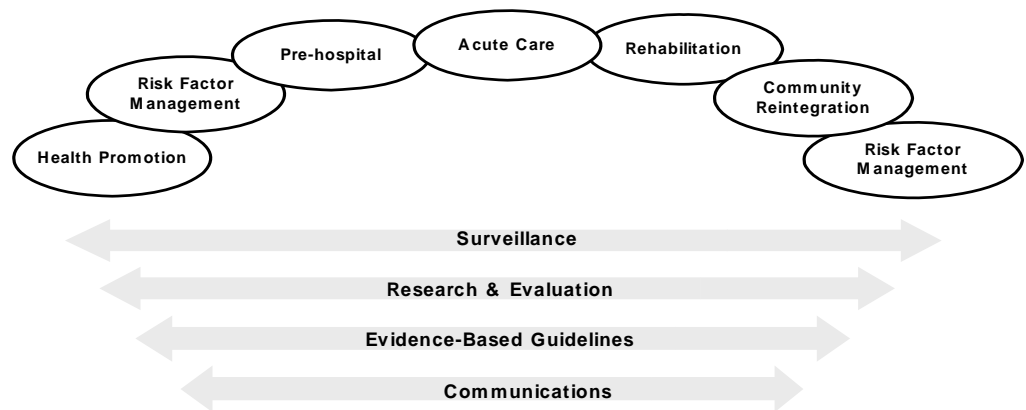


Role of the Parkwood Hospital Stroke Rehabilitation Program *within* the Southwestern Ontario Stroke Strategy

The Stroke Rehabilitation Program at Parkwood Hospital, St. Joseph's Health Care, London, provides regional leadership for the rehabilitation component of the Southwestern Ontario Stroke Strategy.



SWO Stroke Strategy Vision for Rehabilitation

Individuals who experience a stroke will have timely access to the appropriate intensity and duration of rehabilitation services. These services will be provided in a comprehensive and coordinated way to patients and families by agencies and health care providers who are expert in stroke care and practice rehabilitation principles.

Stroke Rehabilitation Consensus Panel Report 2000

Reference:
Results of Focus Group Discussions:
*Role of Regional Stroke Rehabilitation Centre Stroke Rehabilitation Network:
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Our Role

Capacity Building

- Contribute to improving the expertise and skills of personnel/ systems in relation to stroke rehabilitation.
- Share information and resources to facilitate the development and implementation of district, regional and provincial stroke care initiatives.
- Create and support workshops and education presentations for dissemination of new knowledge as it pertains to evidence based practice.
- Encourage safe, supportive environments for lifelong learning.

Resource/Specialized Service

- Act as a resource/provide consultation and advice.
- Provide a resource guide outlining Parkwood's stroke rehabilitation services and core expertise.
- Primary mandate is to provide stroke rehabilitation for residents of London/Middlesex and will consider inpatient admission for stroke patients from Southwestern Ontario outside of London/Middlesex on an individual basis, based on bed availability, when an appropriate rehabilitation service(s) is not available/accessible locally.

Evidence-based/ Knowledge Translation

- Assist and support the translation of evidence into regional and district practice. Create and share standards, protocols and pathways to guide care.
- Recommend standardized assessment tools and outcome measures and facilitate their use.
- Support and participate in research and knowledge transfer activities regionally, provincially and nationally.

Collaboration

- Work collaboratively to improve and standardize stroke rehabilitation across the continuum of care.
- Create partnerships across the region and the continuum among clinicians, decision makers, community stakeholders and academics, to support sustainable change focused on creating clinical excellence and seamless transitions.

Advocacy

- Advocate for equitable access and resources across the region and across the continuum (eg. to LHINs, MOHLTC).
- Advocate for integration of the various components of the rehabilitation system promoting coordinated care.
- Promote person-centred care, family involvement and community re-integration.

Evaluation

- Promote the use and application of standardized outcome measures, goal setting and rehabilitation indicators.
- Assist and support the development of strategies to evaluate regional stroke rehabilitation best practice initiatives and activities.