

Southwestern Ontario Stroke Network (SWOSN) e-Blast!



On behalf of the entire SWOSN Team, I'm pleased to announce and welcome everyone to the first edition of the Southwestern Ontario Stroke Network's electronic newsletter! Traditionally, SWOSN produces an annual report in June of each year to highlight the various initiatives and exciting developments occurring within Southwestern Ontario and across the province. The timeliness of a once per year communication and the large amounts of work that needed to be reflected in a single document, led us to consider this new e-blast communication tool which we can publish more frequently and provide more timely updates. If you have any questions or would like more information on any of the newsletter items, or any other stroke related enquiries, please reach out directly to the appropriate [team member](#) or simply email swosn@lhsc.on.ca and we would be happy to provide more information. Given this is a new communication tool for SWOSN, we welcome any feedback or suggestions to improve our newsletter and communications with partners – again, just send us an email with your thoughts!

This inaugural edition is full of updates including the recently published **Ontario Stroke Report Card**, news about **Accreditation Canada's program of Stroke Distinction**, and a new opportunity for front line clinicians to apply for **Educational Grants** through SWOSN! Please help us to distribute this e-newsletter to relevant stakeholders and front line staff throughout your facility and stroke region!

Finally, a huge thank-you to our partners and clinicians from across the region who work tirelessly to support stroke survivors and their families; without your professionalism and leadership, the success stories we highlight in this newsletter would not be possible. Thank you for helping SWOSN continue its work towards **FEWER STROKES, BETTER OUTCOMES**.



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