

Stroke System Announcements

2017/2018 Ontario Stroke Report Card

Congratulations to Erie St. Clair and South West LHINs for your continued strong performance and improvements on this year's Ontario Stroke Report Card!

The 2017/18 Ontario Stroke Report Cards were released on 17th of June, 2019 and can be found at <https://www.corhealthontario.ca/data-&-reporting/stroke-report-cards>. This annual report is a tool that helps inform opportunities for improvement and is based on nationally recommended performance measures and standards published in the Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations. This year, partners in both the Erie St. Clair and South West LHINs should be proud of the continued improvements they have demonstrated in stroke care, including:



- **Erie St. Clair LHIN:** Acceptable performance was achieved on 10 of 17 indicators; statistically significant improvement was demonstrated on 4 indicators. The LHIN was recognized for greatest improvement in the province for 5 indicators (#6, 7, 8, 10, 11) and had the highest performance in the province for indicators #1, 10 & 11.
- **South West LHIN:** Acceptable performance was achieved on 11 of 17 indicators; statistically significant improvement was demonstrated on 5 indicators. The LHIN was recognized for greatest improvement in the province on indicators #4 & 8, and had the highest performance in the province for indicator #7.

Although improvements have been demonstrated in the stroke system, this report also highlights the ongoing need for sustained improvement efforts. In our region, opportunities for improvement included **higher than expected acute admission rates for stroke, a lower proportion of admitted rehabilitation patients with severe stroke and challenges in attaining recommended Length of Stay targets during in-patient rehabilitation**. The Southwestern Ontario Stroke Network continues to work with partners to explore these challenges and work towards ongoing system improvements.