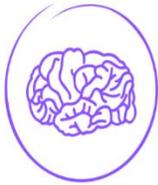


## Stroke System Announcements

**Ontario Health Teams (OHT):** The Southwestern Ontario Stroke Network is connected to a number of OHT discussions in support of stroke survivors and system planning. We are eagerly awaiting further information from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) to determine our role and next steps. If you are involved in OHT conversations within your organization, please connect with SWOSN to see how we might be able to support that work. If you would like to receive updates from MOHLTC on their Connected Care work, please visit: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/connectedcare/>



**Bundled Care for Stroke:** The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) has announced a Bundled Care for Stroke project that will promote system partnerships and funding relationships in support of improved outcomes for stroke survivors. SWOSN is an active member of the CorHealth Stroke Bundled Care Advisory Group to help inform provincial planning. Both Windsor Regional Hospital and Stratford General Hospital have signaled their interest in being pilot sites for this work. Overall, SWOSN and its partners are well positioned to be successful within this opportunity and are awaiting further MOHLTC information to support local conversations and project work.



**Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic Prompt Card:** Effective September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, the Provincial Paramedic Prompt Card will be updated to support stroke survivors access to the right care, at the right place, by allowing EMS to bypass a District Stroke Centre in favour of a Regional Stroke Centre for appropriate patients. Within SWOSN, this update does not impact the majority of Stroke Centre's but we are actively planning for how this can support improved access for survivors in Middlesex-London, Elgin, Norfolk and Oxford counties. Stay tuned for more updates...



**Heart & Stroke Releases New Best Practice Recommendations for Mood, Cognition and**



**Fatigue following Stroke:** An important update has been released for the Heart & Stroke Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations (CSBPR) to support the management of Mood, Cognition and Fatigue following Stroke and are now available at the following link: [International Journal of Stroke](#)

The CSBPR for **Mood, Cognition and Fatigue following Stroke** focuses on the management of people who have already had an initial stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) and apply across the whole continuum of care and range of care settings. Mood changes and disorders, cognitive impairment and fatigue are significant challenges following stroke. They negatively impact recovery and lead to worse outcomes when they are present. Screening, assessment and appropriate management of these three conditions are imperative. These conditions often cause considerable distress to people who have had a stroke and to their families. Consideration for their presence must begin in the acute care phase, especially if a prior history of these conditions exists.

All supporting materials for both the mood, cognition and fatigue following stroke module, including rationale, system implications, performance measures and knowledge exchange resources, are available at [www.strokebestpractices.ca](http://www.strokebestpractices.ca)