

Stroke System Announcements

Bundled Funding



The Ministry of Health has announced that the planned implementation of Stroke Bundled Funding for Stroke Care at pilot sites for October 1st, 2019 has been deferred until 2020. SWOSN continues to contribute to the Provincial Bundled Funding Advisory Group, and has also formed a SWOSN Regional Bundled Funding Advisory Committee whose first meeting was in October 2019. The committee's role is to provide a communication platform for stroke partners across southwestern Ontario, to identify common opportunities and risks, and to co-design solutions that are shared across sites, thereby reducing variation and supporting best practices.

Recently, SWOSN has been part of small provincial working group that has lead the development of a best practices funding model for in-home stroke care that will be used provincially to help identify the total costs of best practice stroke care.

Provincial Endovascular Therapy Dashboard (FY 18/19)

The Southwestern Ontario Stroke Network region is fortunate to have two stroke centres that offer Endovascular Thrombectomy (EVT) for stroke survivors who qualify for this best practice intervention. The program at London Health Sciences Centre, University Hospital is provided 24/7, while the EVT model at Windsor Regional Hospital arranges for after-hours EVT care with their partner in Detroit – Henry Ford Hospital. To support QI across the province, CorHealth Ontario has created the Provincial EVT Dashboard focusing on access, process and outcome indicators. The recent release of the EVT Dashboard (FY18/19) has been summarized below. As you can see, our partners are performing very well and residents in our region are accessing best practice care. It is important to note that because Windsor Regional Hospital's program is not 24/7; their results tend to be more variable and are impacted by small sample sizes. As with all data, the numbers are a starting point for further discussions and QI opportunities.



- Measures of equity help us understand if we have created the right pathways so that survivors across our large geography can access best practice care.
 - % of ischemic stroke patients who received EVT
 - Ontario: 4.7%
 - University Hospital: 5.7%
 - Windsor Regional Hospital: 3.0%
- Rates of successful reperfusion for EVT patients
 - Ontario: 84.4%
 - University Hospital: 84%
 - Windsor Regional Hospital: 88.9%
- Rates of readmission
 - Ontario: 18.0%
 - University Hospital: 18.4%
 - Windsor Regional Hospital: Not Reportable due to small sample size

Future reports will add additional outcomes including “the number of days patients spent at home in their first 90 days post procedure”.