

Stroke System Announcements

Accreditation Canada's Stroke Distinction Program



We are very happy to welcome Heather Heaman from Accreditation Canada who has joined our team as the project's Stroke Distinction Coach. Heather has already attended a number of regional meetings has been a great resource for our many questions and is helping to co-design resources to support our work. At the recent Canadian Stroke Congress in Ottawa (2019), Accreditation Canada highlighted in their "Innovative Projects", SWOSN's regional approach to Stroke Distinction as a novel systems approach to Stroke Distinction. It was great to see our work being recognized nationally!



Regional planning continues to support eight hospital providers who have joined together to participate in the Stroke Distinction Journey. Project structures have been created including a Regional Advisory Committee, Regional Working Groups and Organizational Working Groups - each of these groups are tackling specific parts of the Stroke Distinction requirements and already we've seen some quick wins with standardized stroke unit orientation materials and the development of stroke best practice self-assessment tools.

Engagement with front line staff is paramount to the success of this work and organizations are connecting with front line staff to support quality improvement, education and best practices.

If you work in stroke care at any of our participating sites please join our work to support Fewer Strokes & Better Outcomes!



Stroke Distinction Kick-Off Event at Bluewater Health on November 1st.