



# Optimizing Stroke Best Practices in Central South Ontario

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Mosaic of Stroke: Maximizing the Impact of Rehabilitation

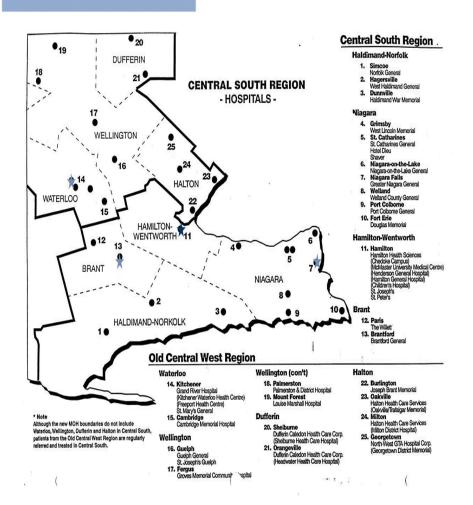


## **Session Objectives**

- To provide background on the Central South Regional Stroke Network's Strategic Priority for Optimizing Access to Best Practice Stroke Unit Care within Central South Ontario
- To identify the process of LHIN engagement and endorsement for the Strategic Priority
- To provide an overview the HNHB LHIN and WW LHIN Plan for Optimizing Access to Best Practice Stroke Care
- To provide an overview of the HHS Integrated Stroke Model of Care



# **Central South Regional Stroke Network**



# Waterloo Wellington LHIN Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN

- Regional Stroke Centre
   Hamilton Health Sciences
- District Stroke Centres
  - Grand River Hospital
    Greater Niagara General
    Hospital
    Brant Community
    Health System



## Central South Regional Stroke Network - Strategic Planning 2009 - 2012

- Oct. 2008 Joint Strategic Planning Session with Regional Stroke Steering Committee, HNHB and WW LHIN's
- Review of Performance (2006 Stroke Evaluation Report):
  - Approximately 4,500 acute stroke admissions in Central South
  - Only 50% of acute stroke admissions access organized stroke unit care across the region
  - All of the designated Stroke Centres had acute stroke clusters or stroke units
  - None of 19 community hospitals within the Region had organized stroke care
  - Approximately 21% of patients were transferred to inpatient rehabilitation
  - Access for severe stroke was were limited



## Central South Regional Stroke Network - Strategic Planning 2009 - 2012

Three Strategic Priorities identified for 2009 – 2012 by consensus decision making process:

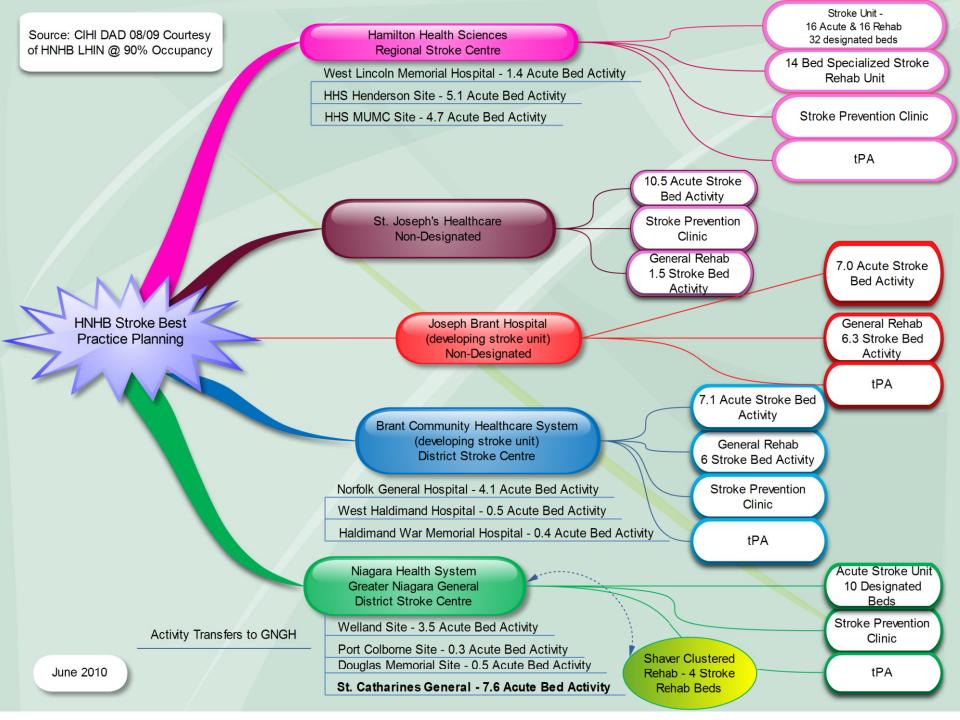
- Optimize availability of best practice stroke care throughout region by creating acute and rehabilitation stroke units
- Optimize stroke patient access to rehabilitation with focus on services for mild stroke, severe stroke and outpatient and patients living in rural and isolated communities
- 3. Develop a regional public awareness strategy to improve public's knowledge about stroke signs and symptoms and how and where to access care



# Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN Implementing the Plan

#### **Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN:**

- Regional Stroke Program prepared analysis of stroke acute and rehabilitation within the LHIN
- Strategies Priorities tabled at HNHB LHIN VP Forum
- Support for Strategic Priorities from VP's and LHIN
- VP Working Group formed to develop recommendations for resource re-alignment
- Hospitals with significant volumes of stroke patients reviewed and developed Stroke Best Practice Implementation Work Plans
- Organizational Work Plans approved by Regional Stroke Steering Committee October 2010





#### Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN Work Plan Timelines

- Greater Niagara General
   Implementation of 10 bed Acute Stroke Unit May 2010
- Hamilton Health Sciences
   Implementation of Integrated Stroke System April 2011
- Brant Community Healthcare System
   Implementation 16 bed Integrated Stroke Unit March
   2011
- Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital
  - Plan for clustering acute stroke patients May 2011
- St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
  - Project Plan underway to develop an integrated stroke



# Waterloo Wellington LHIN Implementing the Plan

#### **Waterloo Wellington LHIN:**

- As part of the development of the Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) 2010-2013, a preliminary review of stroke care in the WW LHIN was completed
- WW LHIN identified stroke care as one of eight priorities for IHSP based on performance data:
  - 30-day in hospital stroke mortality rate was high
  - 30-day readmission rate for stroke are high,
  - High proportion of acute stroke patients are sent to longterm care homes
  - Low proportion of acute stroke discharge to inpatient rehabilitation



# Waterloo Wellington LHIN Implementing the Plan

- Waterloo Wellington LHIN in partnership with Ontario Stroke Network and Central South Regional Stroke Network conducted a comprehensive Stroke Care Review within WW LHIN to:
  - Confirm key issues related to stroke care
  - Identify best practices for stroke care in WW LHIN
  - Make recommendations for clustering of stroke care across WW LHIN
  - Develop an integrated project Work Plan for implementation of the recommendations



# Hamilton Health Sciences Integrated Stroke Model of Care



# Stroke ABC Strategic Priorities

#### **Access to Best Care Initiative**

#### **Centralization of all Stroke Patients**

- 1. Achieve Best Practice Stroke Care
- 2. Alignment with Integrated Stroke Model
- 3. Recruitment and retention
- 4. Advance our Academic and Research agenda

#### **Quality of Care through**

- 1. Knowledge translation
- 2. Evidence based practice
- 3. Continuous quality improvement.

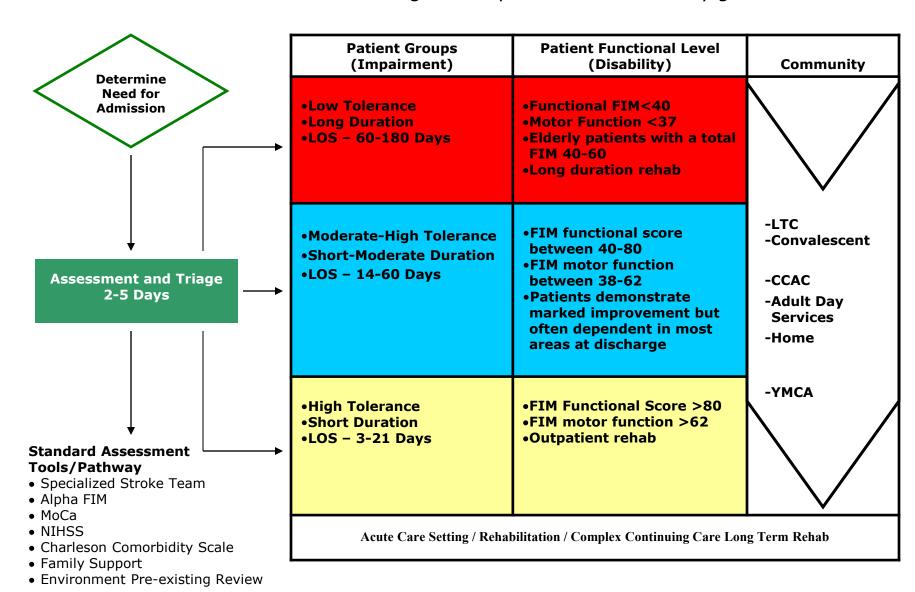


### **Partnerships**

- The Integrated Stroke Model is the end result of the deconstruction of existing stroke service delivery structures in favor of a model that is specifically re-designed to deliver evidence based care to stroke patients along the continuum:
  - Neuroscience Trauma Program Integrated Stroke Unit
  - The Regional Rehabilitation Program
  - St. Peters Complex Continuing Care Program
  - CCAC

## **HHS Integrated Stroke Recovery Model**

Unique and innovative model in which stroke patients will be assessed and triaged into a service stream which is designed to optimize their recovery goals.





### **Questions**

