

PROVINCIAL INTERPROFESSIONAL STROKE CORE COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

WHAT are the Stroke Core Competencies (SCC)

- The Stroke Core Competencies (SCC) are a framework consisting of a **core** set of stroke competencies for six disciplines – Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Social Work, and Recreation Therapy
- The SCC were created to support health care professionals who may be working in stroke care to build stroke expertise. The framework supports a **baseline level of competency** required for the delivery of evidence based stroke care province wide
- Each competency contains a number of learning objectives, recommended learning resources/knowledge translation tools and suggested evaluation methods

WHY use the SCC?

- A key component of Stroke Care is stroke expertise
- Quality Based Procedures for stroke recommend that interprofessional stroke teams across the continuum receive education and training to promote stroke expertise

WHO should use SCC?

- This framework is intended for health care providers who are new to stroke as well as those more experienced
- They can be used by individuals for personal development or by teams to improve collaborative stroke care

WHERE should these SCC be used?

- Across the continuum of care including but not limited to acute, rehab and community settings
- Urban and rural settings

HOW can SCC be used?

- The self-rating scale allows health care providers to identify priority learning areas
- As the competencies are selected, the individual or team can establish a realistic time frame for completion
- Examples for use:
 - Orientation of new staff
 - Team Education
 - Self-Learning Plans
 - Performance Appraisal Goals
 - Accreditation
 - Professional Reflective Practice

16 Discipline Specific Competencies

• Principles of Stroke Care	• Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
• Anatomy and Physiology of Stroke	• Cognitive, Perceptual and Behavioural Changes Post Stroke
• Cardiovascular Respiratory Effects	• Nutrition
• Psychosocial Effects	• Skin Care
• Communication	• Sexuality
• Dysphagia	• Continence Management
• Independence in Mobility and Prevention of Complications	• Primary/Secondary Stroke Prevention
• Routine Activities of Daily Living	• Transition Management

You can find the framework at <http://ontariostrokenetwork.ca/core-competencies-for-stroke/>
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