

Provincial Interprofessional Stroke Care Competency Framework (2017)

CorHealth Ontario provides provincial leadership and planning for Ontario's 11 Regional Stroke Networks (RSN) by measuring performance, partnering to achieve best practices, and creating innovations for stroke prevention, care, recovery, and community reintegration.

There is Level A Evidence that Stroke Unit care reduces the likelihood of death and disability by as much as 30% for men and women of any age with mild, moderate, or severe stroke. One of the key components of Stroke Unit Care is that the core interprofessional team should consist of healthcare professional with stroke expertise.¹ Furthermore, Quality Based Procedures for Stroke recommend that interprofessional stroke teams across the continuum receive education and training to promote stroke expertise.²

The purpose of the framework is to provide health care professionals working in stroke with a clear, comprehensive way to achieve the core competencies needed for evidence-based stroke care.

For each competency, there are a number of learning objectives, recommended learning resources/knowledge translation tools and suggested evaluation methods.

Competency: The capability to apply or use a set of related knowledge, skills, and abilities required to successfully perform “critical work functions” or tasks in a defined work setting. Competencies often serve as the basis for skill standards that specify the level of knowledge, skills, and abilities* required for success in the workplace as well as potential measurement criteria for assessing competency attainment.

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