

Ontario Stroke Report

FY 2020-21

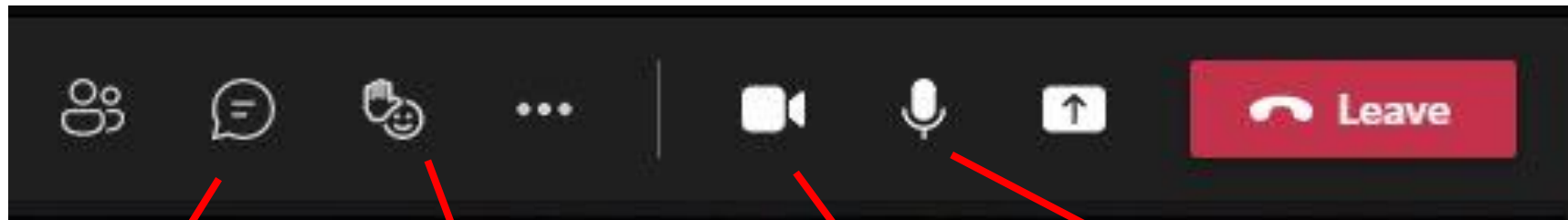
KFLA area – Local Performance Indicators
Examples of strengths and areas for improvement

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MS Teams reminders

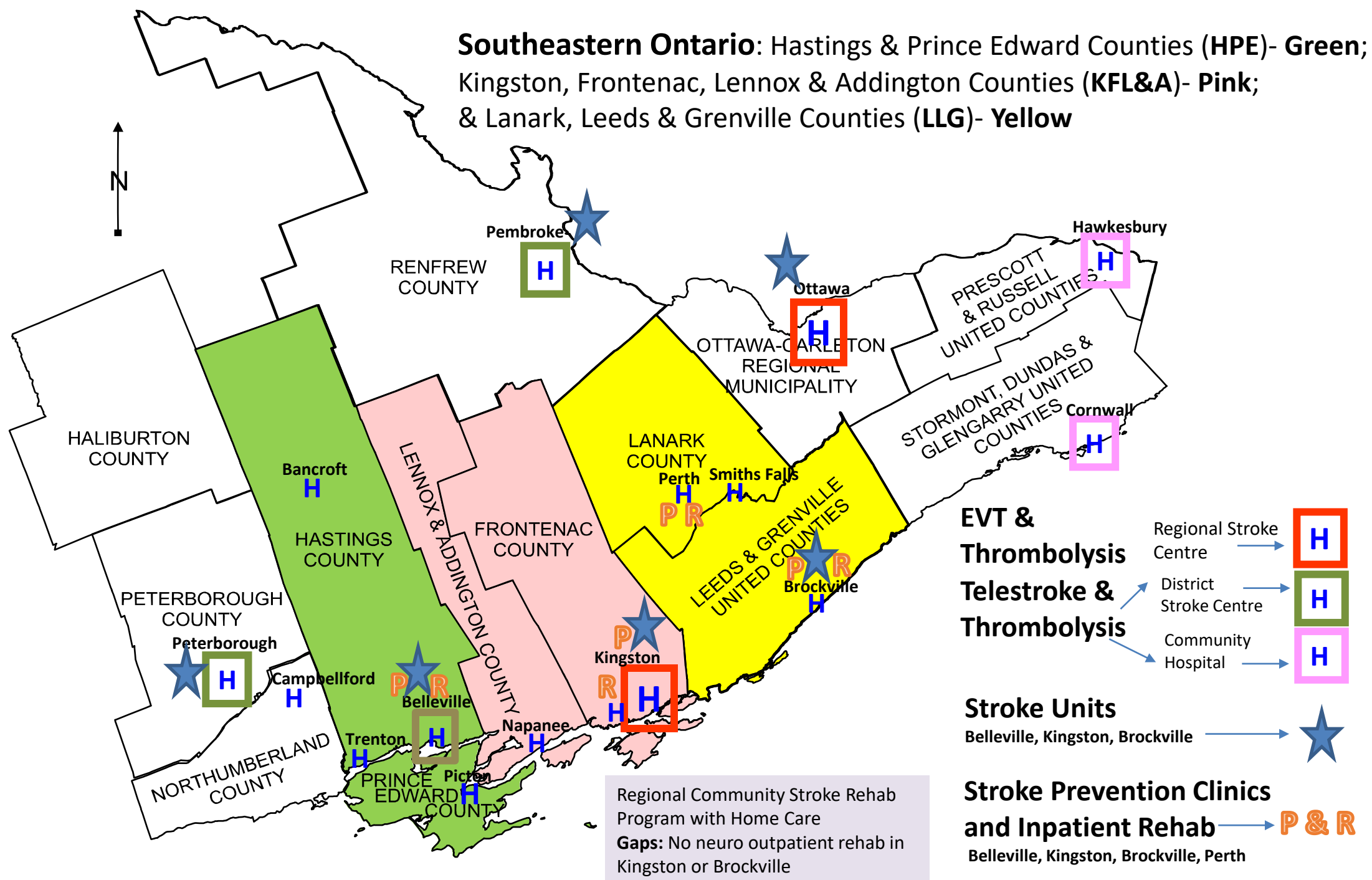


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Meeting Objectives

- Enhance knowledge of stroke care performance across care continuum against stroke best practice targets
- Consider alignment with current workplan (e.g., KFLA stroke workplan 2021-23)
- Consider future areas of opportunity and QI focus

Stroke Data Introduction

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Regional Stroke Dashboard - Fiscal 2021-22 Q3

Time Period			HPE						KFLA						LLG															
Indicator	Indicator Definition		F2018-19	F2019-20	F2020-21	Q1 21-22	Q2 21-22	Q3 21-22	KGH	KGH	KGH	KHSC	KHSC	KHSC	BGH	BGH	BGH	BGH	BGH	BGH	PSP	PSP	PSP	PSP	PSP	PSP	PSP	PSP	PSP	
Volumes	Volume of stroke TIA patients in ED			611	617	173	159	166	856	888	937	234	267	229	205	224	191	46	39	45	231	244	230	52	56	55	55			
LOS in ED	Median Length of Stay (ED) from time arrival until time discharged from ED or death within 24 hours of arrival at an ED			7	07.36	06.36	06.42	06.30	09.54	08.52	08.02	06.32	07.14	08.59	16.21	04.37	04.20	04.23	04.47	05.05	04.54	03.26	03.30	03.45	04.02	03.30	03.48			
Brain Imaging	Proportion of stroke patients who received brain imaging within 24 hours of arrival at an ED			82.6%	92.4%	92.7%	94.0%	92.0%	90.9%	89.4%	85.7%	85.6%	87.6%	93.7%	96.2%	79.4% ¹	68.3% ¹	50.3% ¹	100.0%	93.0%	90.0%	61% ¹	61.1% ¹	62.0% ¹	50.0% ¹	64.3%	70.9%			
IPA	Average Discharge Time for IPAs (minutes)	30 min		54	46	34	35	37	43	25.5	29	27	25	24	35	IPA for LLO is delivered by KHSC ¹ Imaging occurs at KHSC for BGH transfers						IPA for LLO is delivered by PSPCH ¹ Imaging occurs at KHSC for PSPCH transfers								
PAI	Proportion of ischemic stroke patients among all strokes in ED			17.2%	20.5%	26.9%	14.3%	15.5%	16.3%	23.9%	24.0%	20.8%	14.4%	21.3%	11.7%															
EVT	Volume of patients receiving EVT									30	57	66	21	17	15															
Vascular Imaging			Proportion of stroke TIA patients who receive dashboard CTA or MRSA or Carotid Duplex (none in ED or patient discharge before test)																					In Development						
Volumes	Volume of stroke TIA patients admitted to acute care hospitals			422	424	442	123	124	111	633	644	649	152	172	177	173	164	142	37	38	42									
LOS - Total	Median Length of Stay (days) at acute care hospital setting (Total LOS)	8-9 days		4	5	5	5	5.4	6	5.7	6	7	8	10.2	8.4	3	3	3	3	3	4									
Brain Imaging	Proportion of stroke patients who received brain imaging within 24 hours of arrival at an ED			95.9%	95.9%	97.3%	94.3%	98.4%	85.5%	97.6%	97.7%	97.2%	97.4%	98.3%	98.3%	100.0%	98.1%	98.4%	100%	97%	100%									
ASU Utilization	Proportion of patients treated in a designated Stroke Unit at any time during their inpatient stay	80%		78.9%	80.4%	81.2%	90.2%	82.3%	86.5%	69.3%	70.7%	73.6%	78.1%	70.4%	66.6%	85.0%	72.6%	63.8%	54.1%	76.3%	90.5%	Acute Stroke Unit in Brockville effective May 2016								
Mortality	In-hospital mortality Rate (30 days, all causes)			11.1%	13.0%	11.3%	5.7%	12.1%	9.3%	13.2%	13.5%	14.5%	11.3%	12.8%	13.0%	5.8%	5.4%	2.8%	0.0%	2.6%	2.4%									
Discharge	Proportion of stroke patients discharged alive to acute care hospital setting (inpatient deaths)			22.0%	25.9%	23.2%	22.4%	21.1%	17.6%	27.3%	24.6%	32.4%	30.1%	33.2%	32.6%	12.8%	6.5%	16.2%	16.2%	23.1%	28.3%									
Discharge	Proportion of stroke patients discharged alive to each destination (inpatient deaths, home or home with support)			65.6%	56.4%	64.2%	50.4%	60.0%	63.6%	43.6%	52.3%	45.9%	43.0%	50.0%	39.4%	59.5%	57.7%	59.9%	54.0%	56.4%	49.8%									
Vascular Imaging			Proportion of stroke TIA patients who receive dashboard CTA or MRSA or Carotid Duplex (none in ED or after admission to acute care hospital)																					In Development						
Volumes	Volume of stroke TIA patients discharged from ED who receive a carotid duplex (none in ED or after admission to acute care hospital)			80.4%	70.4%	86.1474%			83.5%	82.0%	93.0%				76.0%	79.0%	82.4%				78.1%	73% SF, 60% Puff	79.4% SF, 60% Puff							
Volumes	Number of new referrals			849	813	772	261	235	214	1199	1201	1217	332	364	363	205	251	190	50	42	60	389	383	424	120	134	102			
Wait time	Wait time for stroke TIA patients (days)			3	4.5	5.9	4.3	6.7	3.7	4	3.3	3.4	2.9	3	3.3	2.9	3.8	5.1	5.3	5.5	7.2	5.8	1.4	1.4	2.8	2.8	3.4	5.9		

Green circles: noticeable change in positive direction

Orange circles: noticeable change requiring attention

Several ethnic missing actual time in Project 340 cases – ED LOS calculated on full data encounters only

Note: Endovascular Thrombectomy Q3 2021-22: Total Volume 15
By geography: HPE: 4, KFLA 5/2 LAA, LLG: 3 Other: 1
Q2 2021-22: Total Volume 17
By geography: HPE: 3, KFLA 6/1 LAA, LLG: 4 Other: 2
Q1 2021-22: Total Volume 21
By geography: HPE: 4, KFLA: 10/LAA: LLG: 7
By geography: HPE: 24, KFLA: 27/1 LAA, LLG: 15

Note: BGH flow to rehab is not accurately reflected by date:
1) Many transfers to CCC and to rehab occur prior to Q3 discharge
2) PSP patients registered in Perth rehab are coded as acute
3) LO Evaluation results indicate discharged according to rehab
Puff: Smiths Puff patients

Stroke Care in Ontario 2020/21

STROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY



66%

of stroke/TIA patients arrived at the emergency department by ambulance

81% of patients were referred to secondary prevention services after discharge from the emergency department*

TIME IS BRAIN



14%

of ischemic stroke patients received hyperacute therapy

11% tPA (tissue plasminogen activator) (Target: >12%)

- **44 minutes** median door-to-needle time (Target: <30 minutes)

6% EVT (Endovascular therapy)

STROKE UNIT CARE IMPROVES OUTCOMES



1.46 per 1000 population

are admitted for acute stroke/TIA

41 hospitals in Ontario have a stroke unit

56% of stroke patients treated on a stroke unit (Target: >75%)

SECONDARY PREVENTION OF STROKE OCCURS ACROSS THE CARE CONTINUUM

8 days **

Median time from acute admission to inpatient rehabilitation

REHABILITATION OPTIMIZES RECOVERY



31%**

of patients accessed inpatient rehabilitation

- **69 minutes** per day of inpatient therapy was received per patient (Target: 180 minutes)

STROKE JOURNEY CONTINUES AFTER DISCHARGE



56 days **

Average number of days spent at home in the first 90 days after stroke

39%** received home-based rehabilitation*

- **9**** median number of visits

75% of patients aged 65 and older with atrial fibrillation filled a prescription for anticoagulant therapy within 90 days of acute care discharge*

PATIENT OUTCOMES

7% of stroke/TIA patients were readmitted within 30 days

12% of stroke/TIA patients died within 30 days

6%** of stroke patients were admitted to long-term care within 1-year post discharge

*There is currently no data available for outpatient rehabilitation and secondary prevention clinic.



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Stroke Care in South East 2020/21

NOTE: Arrow indicates how SE is trending from last FY report – improvement indicated by upward green arrow; worsening by downward red arrow



STROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY



68.6%↑ (ON 66.2%)

of stroke/TIA patients arrived at the emergency department by ambulance

84.0%↑ (ON 81.4%) of patients were referred to secondary prevention services after discharge from the emergency department*

TIME IS BRAIN



19.9%↑ (ON 14.1%)

of ischemic stroke patients received hyperacute therapy

14.8% tPA (tissue plasminogen activator) (Target: >12%) (ON 10.5%)

31 minutes median door-to-needle time (Target: <30 minutes) (ON 44.0)

6.9% EVT (Endovascular therapy) (ON 5.8%)

STROKE UNIT CARE IMPROVES OUTCOMES



1.81↑ per 1000 population (ON 1.46)

are admitted for acute stroke/TIA

41 hospitals in Ontario have a stroke unit

79.1%↑ (ON 56.1%) of stroke patients treated on a stroke unit (Target: >75%)

SECONDARY PREVENTION OF STROKE OCCURS ACROSS THE CARE CONTINUUM



9 days↑** (ON 8.0)

Median time from acute admission to inpatient rehabilitation

REHABILITATION OPTIMIZES RECOVERY



26.2%↑** (ON 31.4%)

of patients accessed inpatient rehabilitation

75 minutes per day of inpatient therapy was received per patient (Target: 180 minutes) (ON 68.9%)

STROKE JOURNEY CONTINUES AFTER DISCHARGE



57.2 days↑** (ON 56.4)

Average number of days spent at home in the first 90 days after stroke

66.4%** received home-based rehabilitation* (ON 38.6%)

12** median number of visits (ON 9.0)

76.6%↑ (ON 74.9%) of patients aged 65 and older with atrial fibrillation filled a prescription for anticoagulant therapy within 90 days of acute care discharge*

PATIENT OUTCOMES – SE rates each similar or improved from last FY

6.2% of stroke/TIA patients were readmitted within 30 days (ON 6.6%)

11.3% of stroke/TIA patients died within 30 days (ON 12.1%)

8.2%** of stroke patients were admitted to long-term care within 1-year post discharge (ON 6.3%)



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** 2020/21 Q2 (YTD)

Stroke Care in South East – KFL&A, 2020/21



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STROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY



Kingston: 67.7% ↑ (ON 66.2%)
Rural FL&A: 62.4% ↑ of stroke/TIA patients arrived at the emergency department by ambulance

KHSC KGH: 93.0% ↑; KHSC HDH: 100.0% ↑ of (ON 81.4%) patients were referred to secondary prevention services after discharge from the emergency department*

TIME IS BRAIN



Kingston: 20.5% ↑ (ON 14.1%)

Rural FL&A: 24.7% ↑

of ischemic stroke patients received hyperacute therapy

By Sub-regions: **Kingston – 16.4%; Rural FL&A – 17.5%** (ON 10.5%)

tPA (tissue plasminogen activator) (Target: >12%)

KHSC :28 minutes median door-to-needle time (Target: <30 minutes) (ON 44.0)

By Sub-regions:

Kingston: 6.3%; Rural FL&A: 5.2% - 9.3% (ON 5.8%)

EVT (Endovascular therapy)

STROKE UNIT CARE IMPROVES OUTCOMES



1.81 per 1000 population ↑ (ON 1.46)

are admitted for acute stroke/TIA

41 hospitals in Ontario have a stroke unit

KHSC: 80.0% ↑ of stroke patients treated on a stroke unit (Target: >75%) (ON 56.1%)

By Sub-regions: **Kingston: 82.5% ↑; Rural FL&A – 84.8% ↑**

SECONDARY PREVENTION OF STROKE OCCURS ACROSS THE CARE CONTINUUM

REHABILITATION OPTIMIZES RECOVERY



Kingston: 32.9% ↑** (ON 31.4%)

Rural FL&A: 33.7% ↑

of patients accessed inpatient rehabilitation

PCH: 74.9 minutes ↑ per day of (ON 68.9%) inpatient therapy was received per patient (Target: 180 minutes)

STROKE JOURNEY CONTINUES AFTER DISCHARGE



KHSC: 54.3 days ↑** (ON 56.4)

Average number of days spent at home in the first 90 days after stroke

Home - based Rehab

By Sub-regions:

Kingston: 63.1% ↑; Rural FL&A: 76.9% ↑**

received home-based rehabilitation*

KHSC: 14 ↑** median number of visits (ON 9.0)

By Sub-regions: **Kingston – 13 ; Rural FL&A: 15**

KHSC: 75.4% ↑ of patients aged 65 and older (ON 74.9%) with atrial fibrillation filled a prescription for anticoagulant therapy within 90 days of acute care discharge*

By Sub-Regions: **Kingston: 80.0%**

Rural FL&A – 61.5-92.3%

PATIENT OUTCOMES

KHSC: 6.1; L&ACGH: 0.0% ↑ of stroke/TIA patients were readmitted within 30 days (ON 6.6%)

KHSC: 13.3% ↓ of stroke/TIA patients died within 30 days (ON 12.1%)

By Sub-regions: **Kingston – 6.9% ↑; Rural FL&A – 9.7%** ↓; By Site: KHSC – 7.0% ↑** of stroke patients were admitted to long-term care within 1-year post discharge (ON 6.3%)



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*There is currently no data available for outpatient rehabilitation and secondary prevention clinic.
 ** 2020/21 Q2 (YTD)

Common symbols and their meaning

Symbols	Interpretation
◀ West ● Central ▶ Toronto ▶ East ▲ North	The LHIN is a member of the LHIN cluster, aka Super-LHIN
▲	The region or provider is statistically above Ontario performance and high values are preferred
▲	The region or provider is statistically above Ontario performance and low values are preferred
▼	The region or provider is statistically below Ontario performance and high values are preferred
▼	The region or provider is statistically below Ontario performance and low values are preferred
●	The region or provider is within a 95% confidence interval of Ontario performance
△ ABC High ▽ ABC Low	High and low achievable benchmarks for indicators in which a large value is preferred
△ ABC High ▽ ABC Low	High and low achievable benchmarks for indicators in which a low value is preferred
☆ Ontario	Ontario performance in a given fiscal year
Rate	Unless specified otherwise, all rates are per 100 cohort patients
Fiscal Year	Calendar year of the beginning of a fiscal year (for example, 2018 is 2018/19)

Stroke Prevention Data

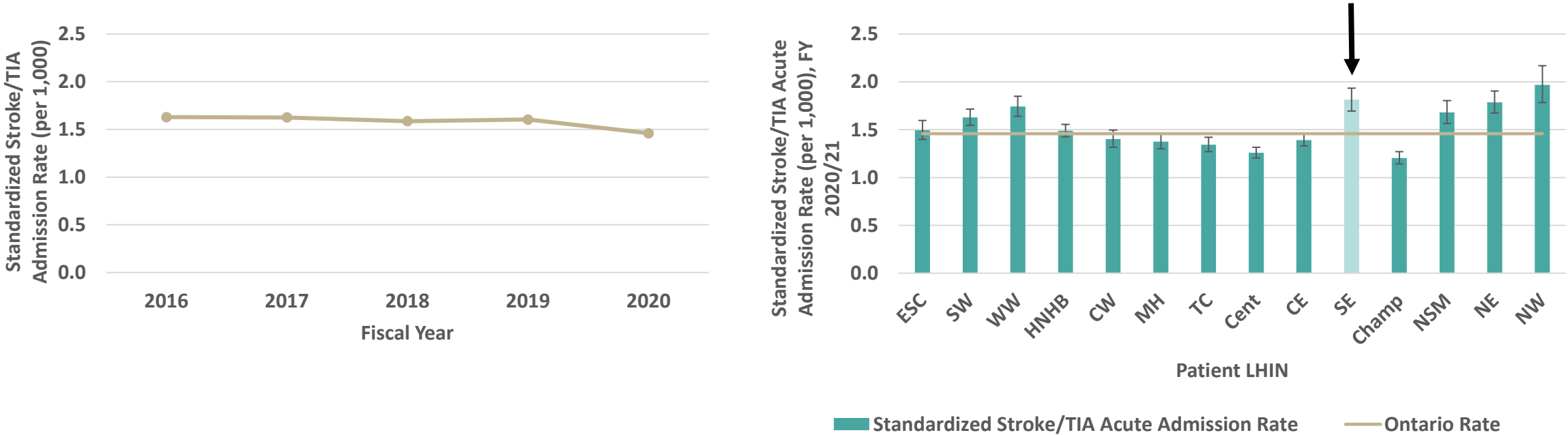


Chapter 1: Prevention and Public Awareness of Stroke and TIA in Ontario

Indicator 1.1: Standardized Stroke and TIA Admission Rate to Acute Inpatient Care (per 1,000), FY 2020/21

Indicator Description:

The population rate of admission to hospital for stroke & transient ischemic attack (TIA) reflects several factors including the effectiveness of primary and secondary prevention efforts such as control of hypertension and smoking cessation programs. The cohort for this indicator is the Ontario adult population in the Registered Persons Database (RPDB). Ontario and LHIN performance are directly standardized to the 2020 RPDB population age and sex profile.



Interpretation Consideration:

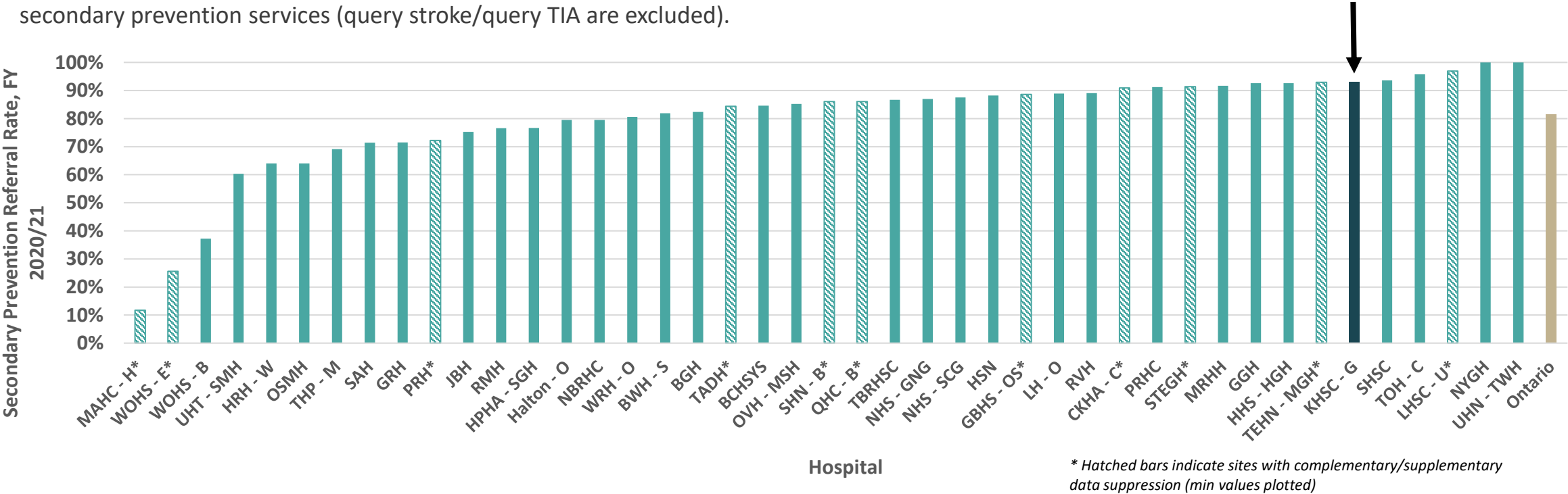
Desired directionality is lower. There was very little movement in the Ontario rate between fiscal years 2016 to 2019, however in fiscal year 2020, there was a noticeable decrease. During the early stages in the pandemic, the number of ED visits for stroke decreased⁴, which may account for some of the decrease in admissions for stroke. Only the first (index) stroke in each fiscal year is included. Factors that may contribute to the LHIN variation observed may be reflective of geographic nuances with respect to social determinants health and health resource equity.

Chapter 1: Prevention and Public Awareness of Stroke and TIA in Ontario

Indicator 1.2: Secondary Prevention Referral Rate of Stroke & TIA Patients Discharged from the Emergency Department, FY 2020/21 – Hospital Level

Indicator Description:

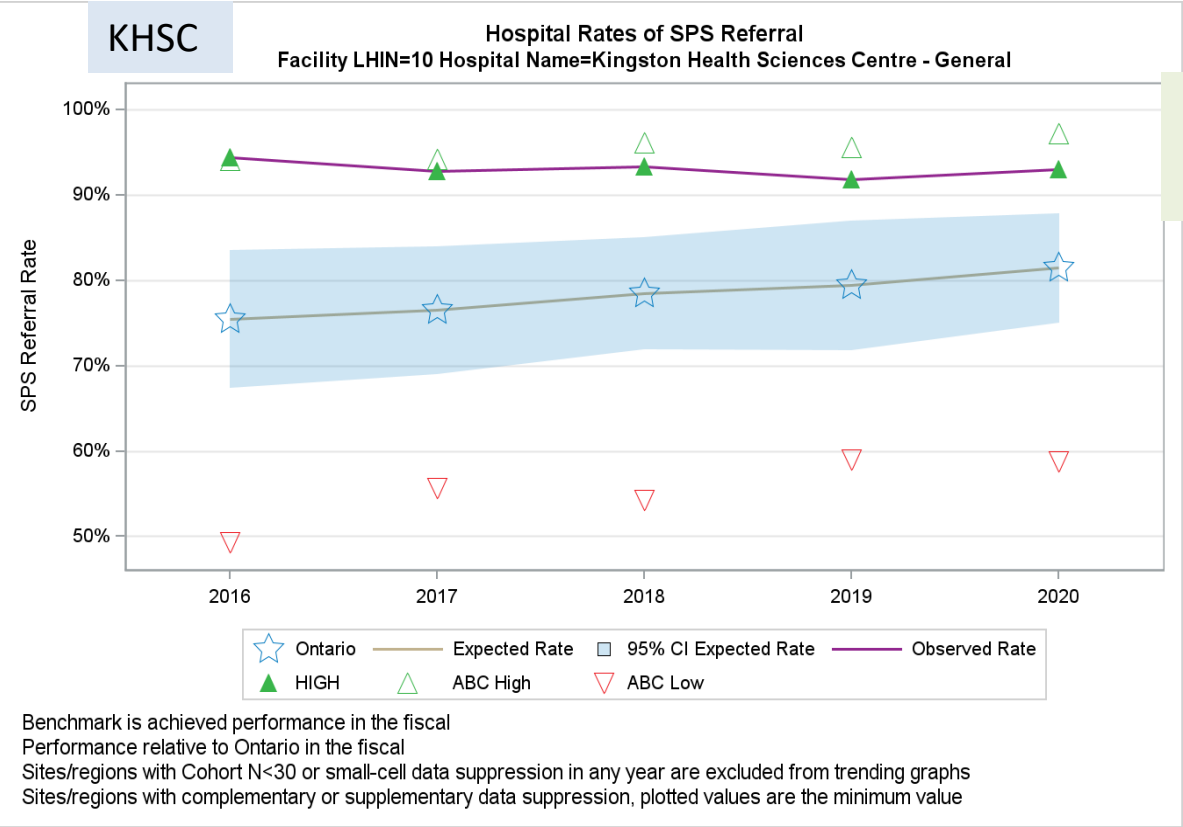
Proportion of ischemic stroke and transient ischemic attack (TIA) patients discharged from the emergency department (ED) who were referred to secondary prevention services (query stroke/query TIA are excluded).



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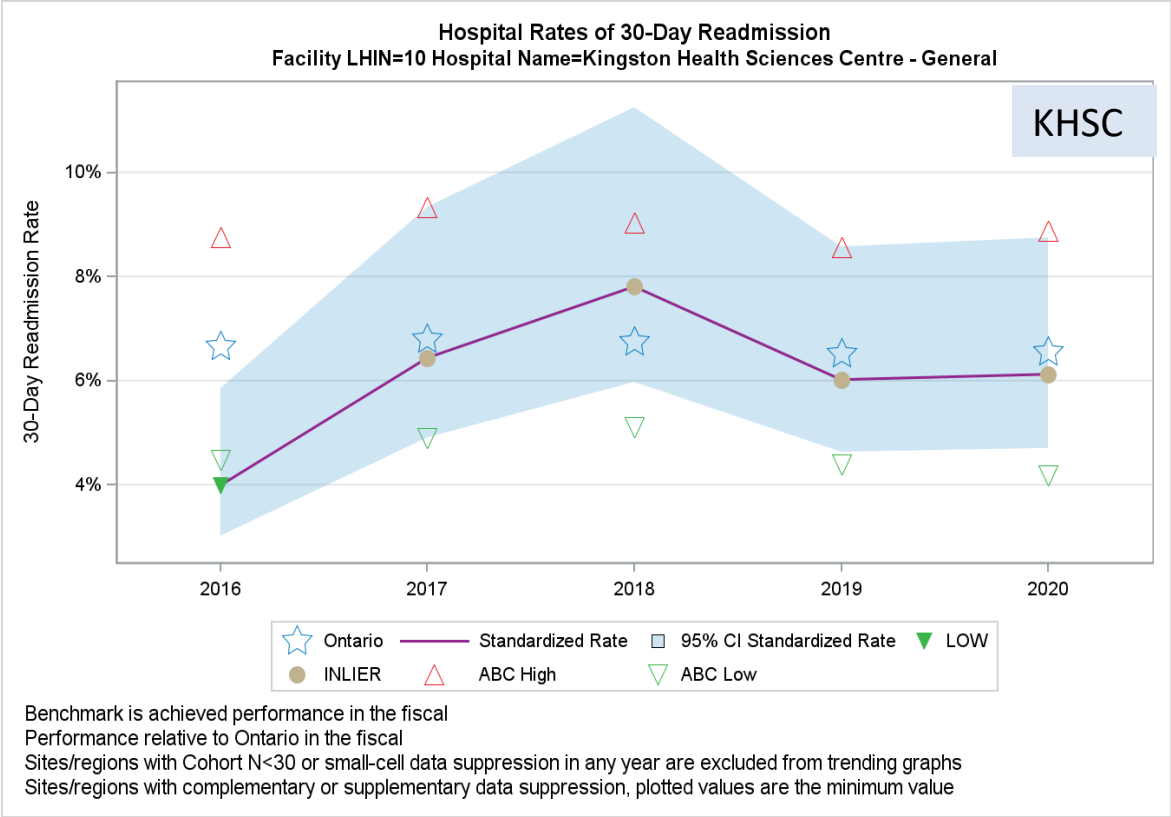
Desired directionality is higher. Most of the sites have a rate of 80% or greater for referral to secondary prevention services. The limitation with this metric is, although a patient is referred to a secondary prevention clinic, it is not known whether the patient received services due to a lack of standardized data availability. Additionally, patients discharged from the ED with an unknown diagnosis, may not be captured in the data, and may not be referred yet and still be at risk of stroke. Refer to [Appendix B](#) for hospital abbreviations.

1-2 Secondary Prevention Referral Rate of Stroke & TIA Patients Discharged from the Emergency Department Stroke Report FY 2020-21



KHSC - high referral rate to SPC

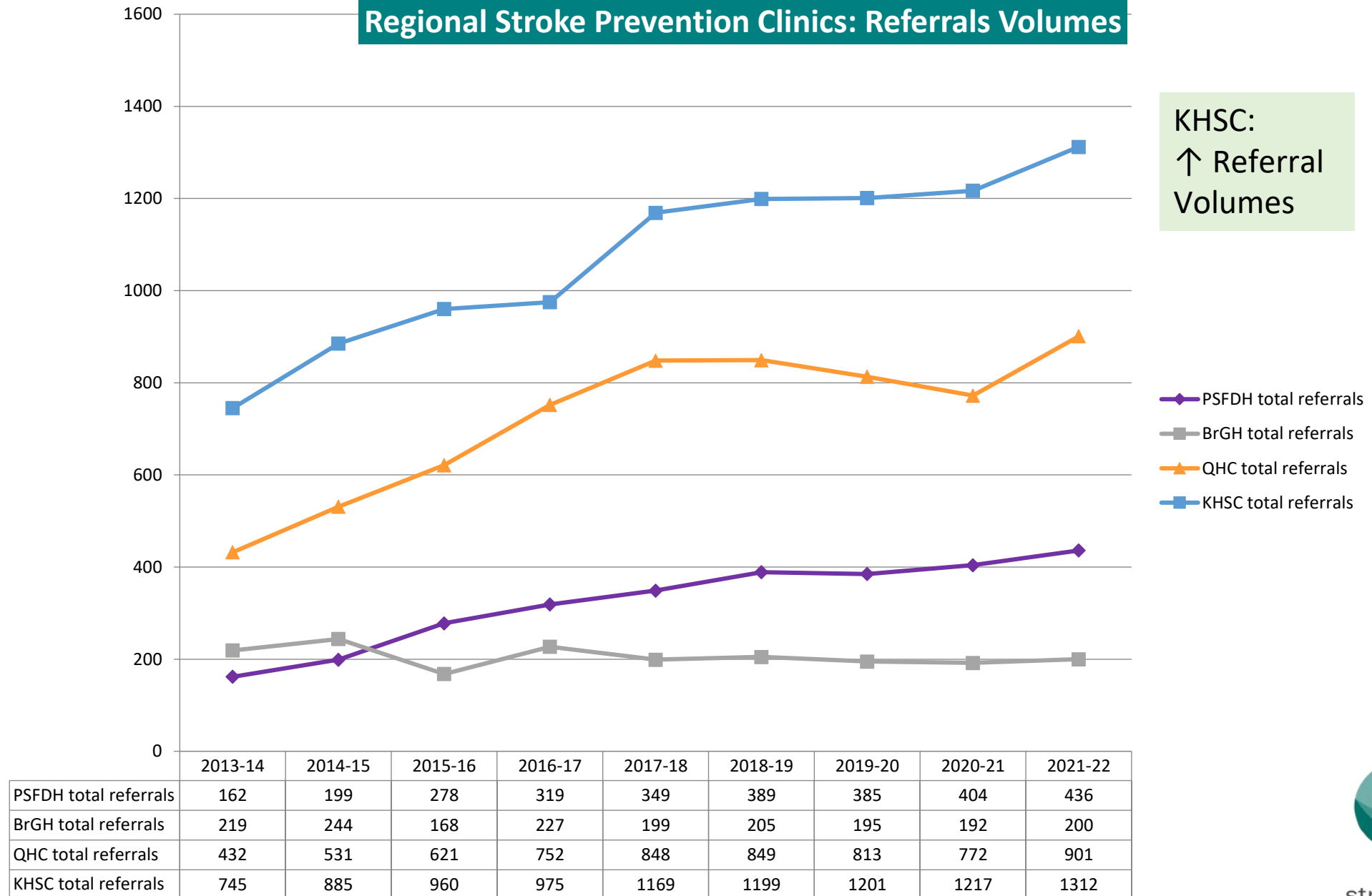
3-4 Hospital Rates of 30-Day Readmission Stroke Report FY 2020-21



Readmission rate was climbing but has now stabilized

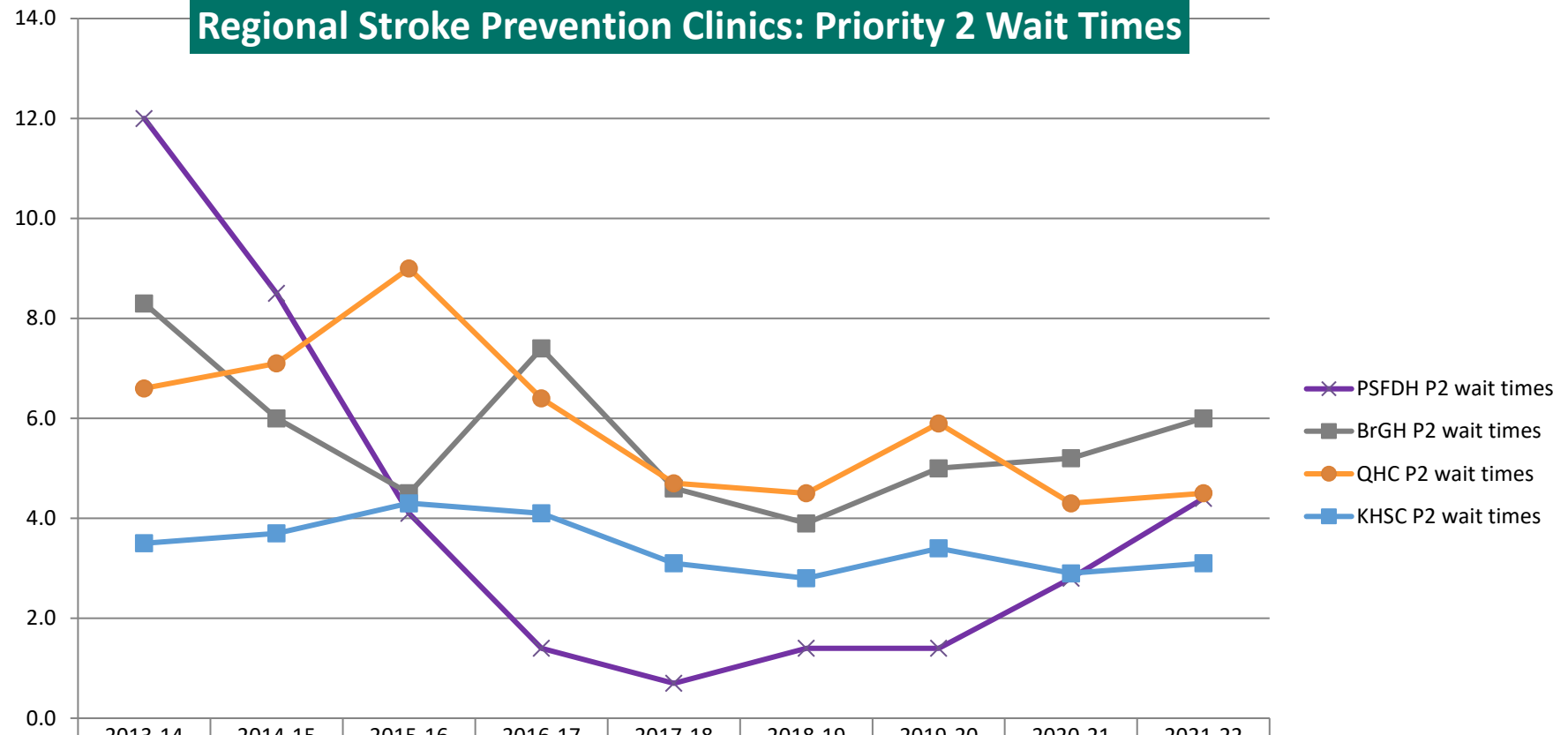
Regional Stroke Prevention Clinics: Referrals Volumes

KHSC:
↑ Referral
Volumes



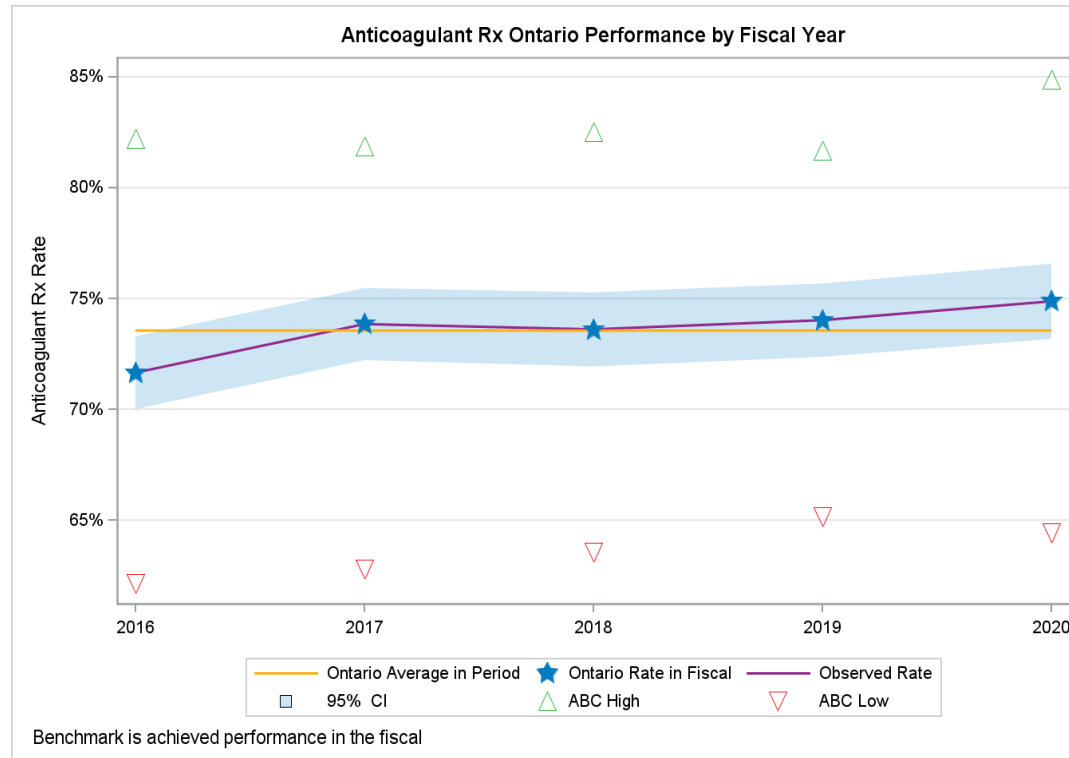
Regional Stroke Prevention Clinics: Priority 2 Wait Times

Target is
3 days



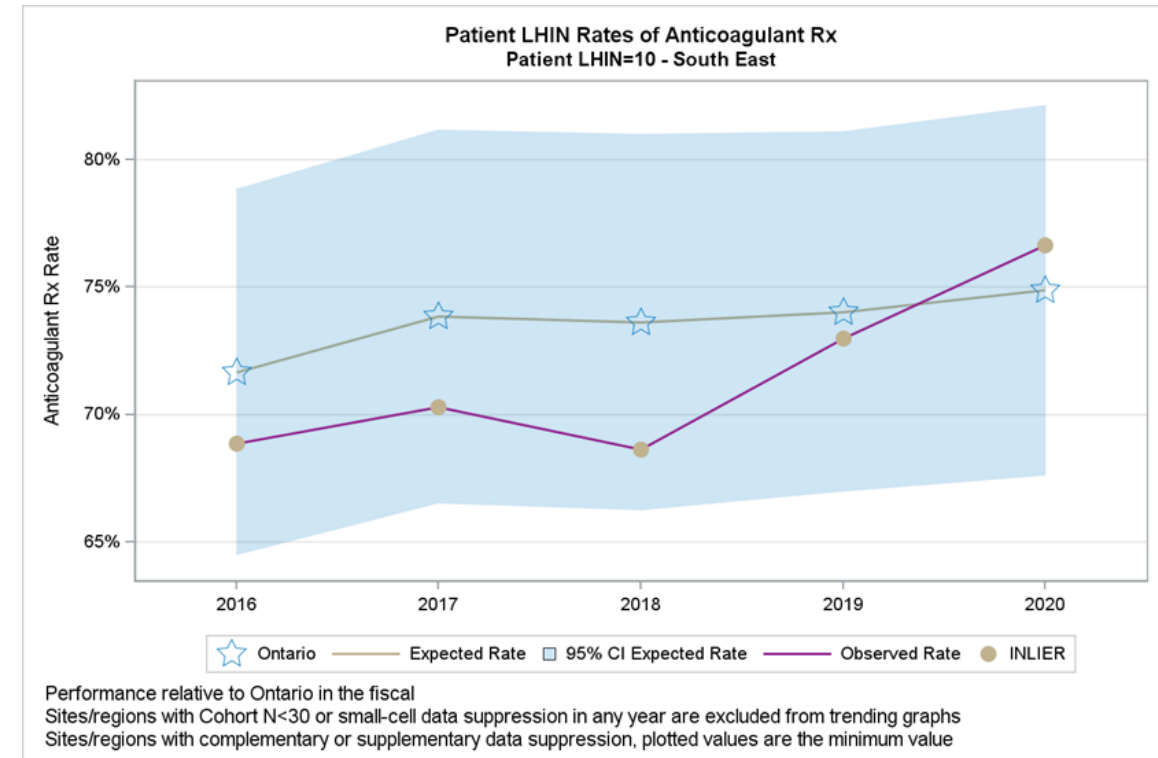
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
PSFDH P2 wait times	12.0	8.5	4.1	1.4	0.7	1.4	1.4	2.8	4.4
BrGH P2 wait times	8.3	6.0	4.5	7.4	4.6	3.9	5.0	5.2	6
QHC P2 wait times	6.6	7.1	9.0	6.4	4.7	4.5	5.9	4.3	4.5
KHSC P2 wait times	3.5	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.1	2.8	3.4	2.9	3.1

1-3 Anticoagulant Rx within 90 days: Rate for ischemic stroke/TIA patients age 65+ with Hx of Atrial Fibrillation – Stroke Report FY 2020-21



Rates hospital current year (last year)

- **KHSC-General 75.4% (73.4%)**
- QHC – Belleville – 83.1% (80.4%)
- Brockville General – 68.8 to 93.8% (54.5%)
- PSFDH – Not reportable (suppressed)



Rates for sub-region current year (last year)

- **Kingston sub-region 80.0% (84.4 to 96.9%)**
- **Rural FLA – 61.5 to 92.3% (57.1%)**
- Quinte sub-region 84.0% (78.8%)
- Rural Hastings sub-region 44.9 to 88.9% (58.3 to 91.7%)
- LLG sub-region – 62.9 to 74.3% (58.5%)

Stroke Prevention (SPC) Discussion

- **Accomplishments**

- Expansion of **capacity** with increased physician coverage and virtual care
- **Well-established Referral processes** with EDs & Primary Care
- Efficient **triage**

- **Ongoing**

- QI initiative re **anticoagulation adherence**: health literacy
- **Indigenous Health** – Blood Pressure Screening

- **FUTURE**

- Apply new provincial **triage algorithms**
- **Other?**

Refer to [SEO Regional Stroke Best Practice Workplan 2021-23](#)

Hyperacute Stroke Data

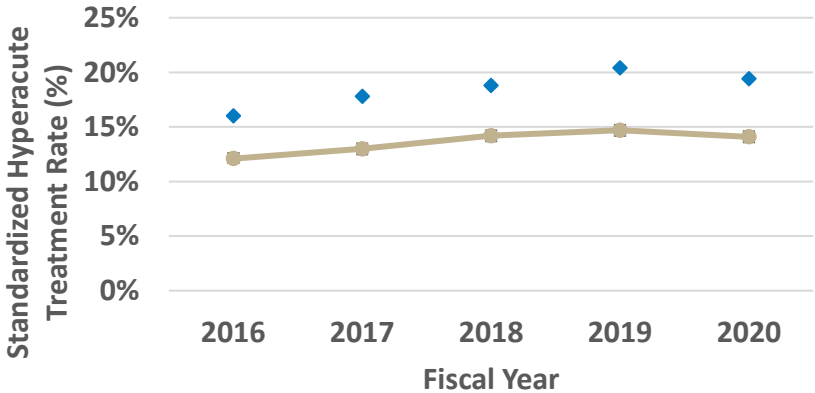


Chapter 2: Hyperacute Care Access and Outcomes for Ischemic Stroke

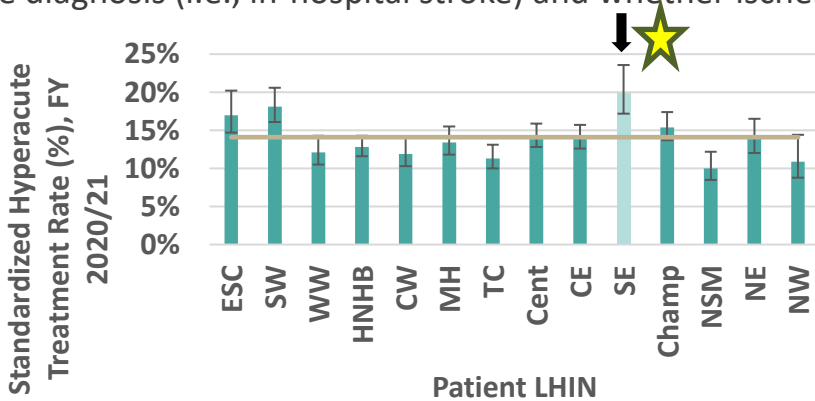
Indicator 2.1.1: Standardized Hyperacute Treatment Rate (tPA and/or EVT), FY 2020/21

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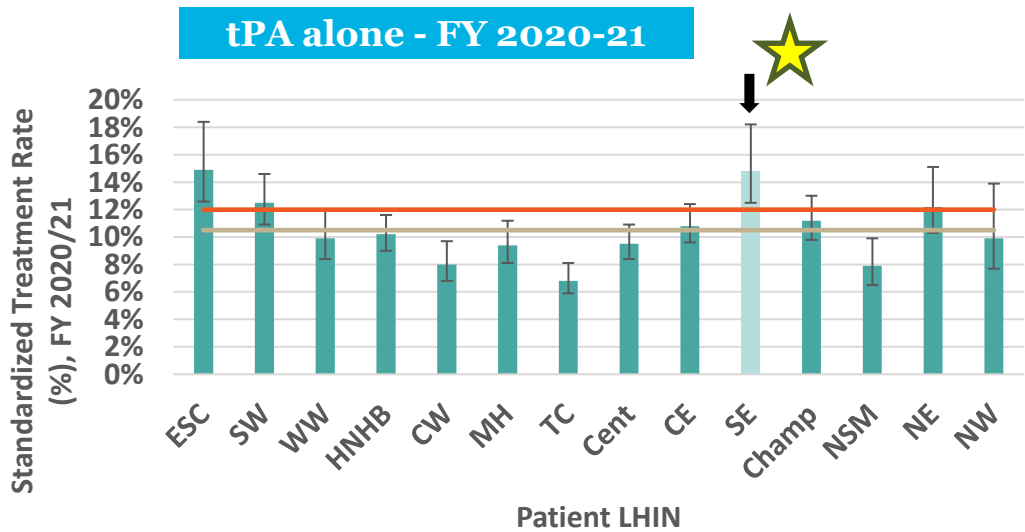
This indicator measures the rate of ischemic stroke patients who received hyperacute therapy which includes endovascular thrombectomy (EVT) and/or tissue plasminogen activator (tPA). The indicator is standardized for type II stroke diagnosis (i.e., in-hospital stroke) and whether ischemic stroke was the MRDx.



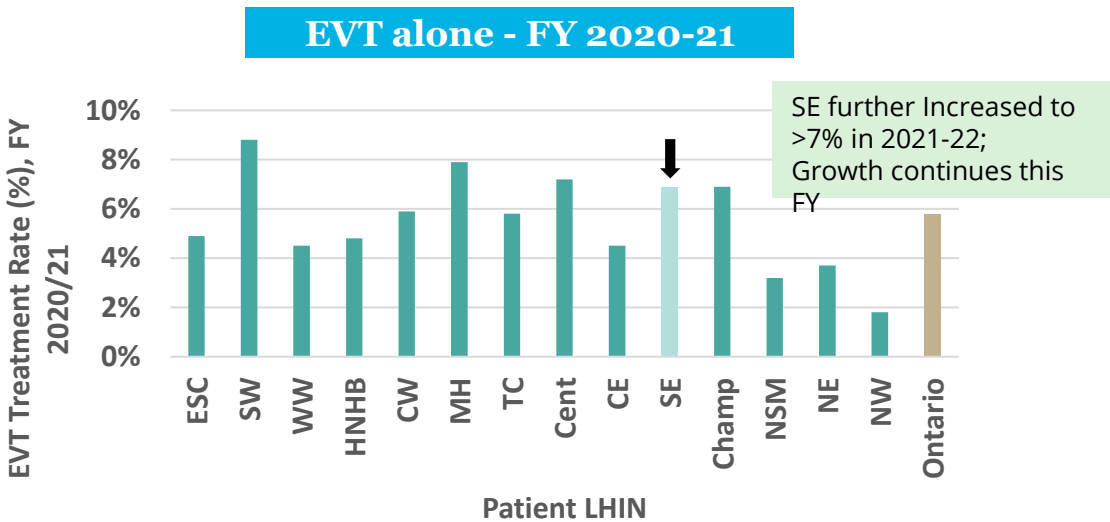
— Hyperacute Treatment Rate ◆ Provincial Benchmark



■ Hyperacute Treatment Rate — Ontario Rate



■ tPA Treatment Rate — Ontario Rate — Target >12%



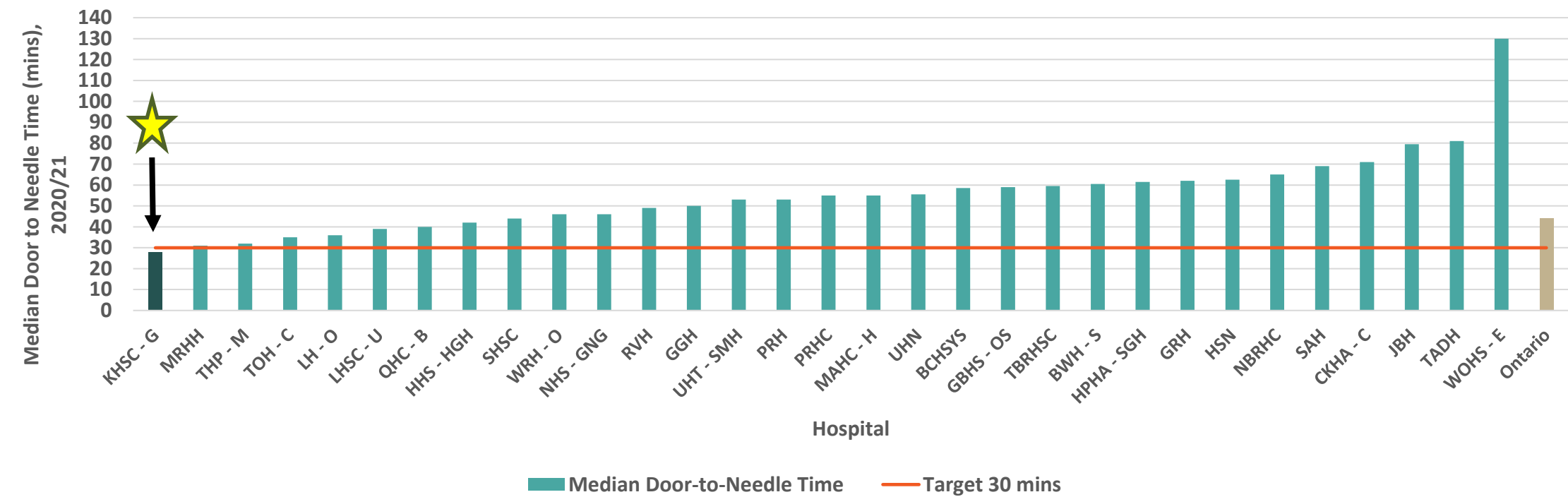
SE further Increased to >7% in 2021-22; Growth continues this FY

Chapter 2: Hyperacute Care Access and Outcomes for Ischemic Stroke

Indicator 2.2: Median Door-to-Needle Time for tPA Treatment (mins), FY 2020/21 – Hospital Level

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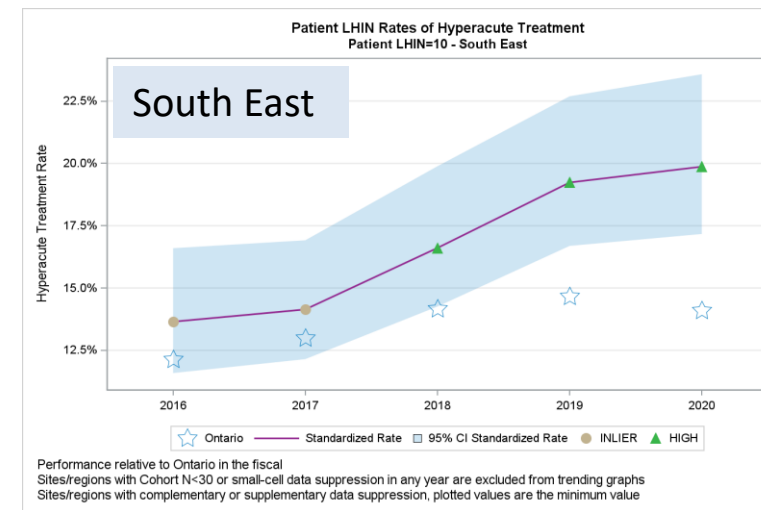
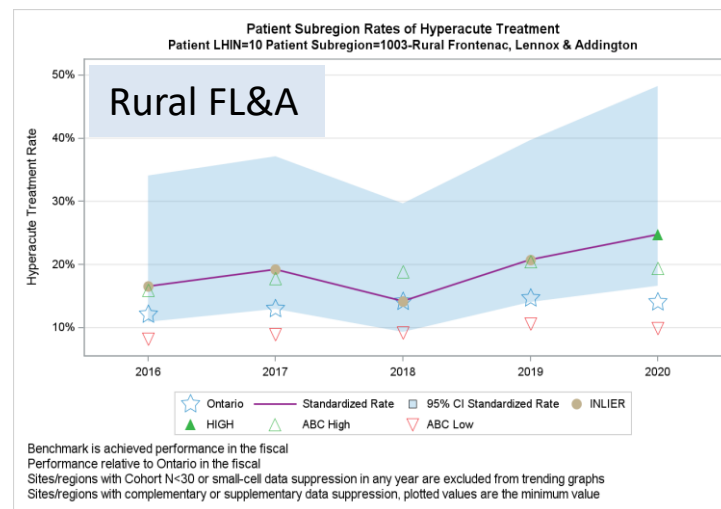
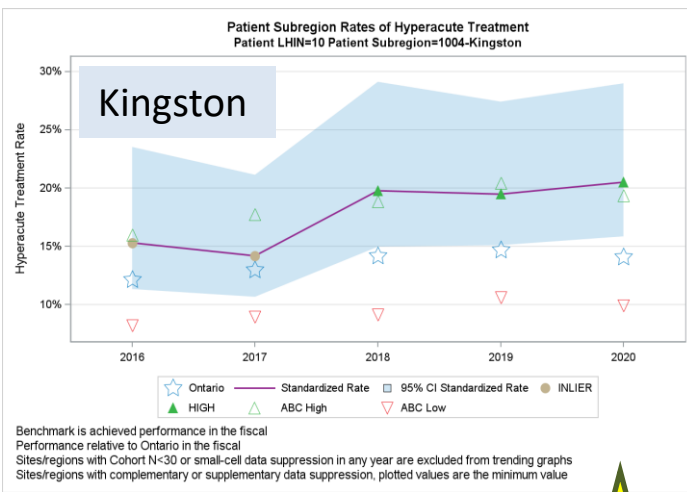
The time, in minutes, between a stroke patient’s emergency department (ED) door time and the time thrombolysis with tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) was administered is referred to as door-to-needle (DTN) time. The target median door to needle time is 30 minutes.³



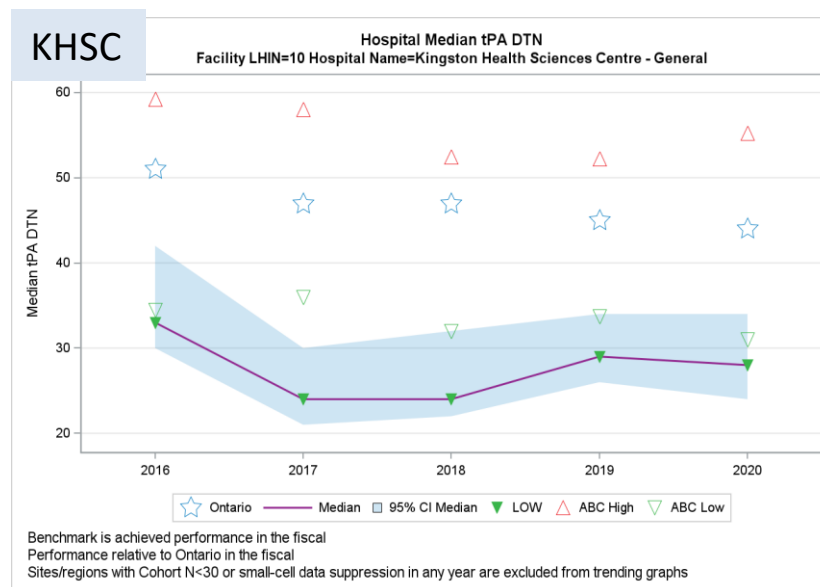
Interpretation Consideration:

Desired directionality is lower. Start of the ED door time is defined as ED triage or ED registration time (which ever comes first). **KHSC-G was the only hospital that achieved target time.** Median door-to-needle time ranges from 28 minutes (KHSC–G) to 130 minutes (WOHS-E). Hospitals should be reviewing their processes of care to drive quality improvement on access to this time dependent treatment. Refer to [Appendix B](#) for hospital abbreviations.

2-1 Hyperacute Treatment rates and Door-to-Needle Times Stroke Report FY 2020-21



Excellent
rates of
hyperacute
Rx Kingston,
Rural FLA
and SE



KHSC noted
to have
sustained
best Median
DTN time in
province



Hyperacute (ED) Discussion

- **Accomplishments:**

- Access: Established protocols for 24 hour window – using ACT-FAST
- Established EVT and Coiling services
- Timeliness: DTN times and reperfusion times best in province

- **Ongoing:**

- ED LOS, flow from ED to inpatient care
- Sustaining thrombolysis and EVT process times

- **FUTURE:** TNK versus tPA

Refer to [SEO Regional Stroke Best Practice Workplan 2021-23](#)

Acute and Rehab Stroke Data

Acute Stroke Unit

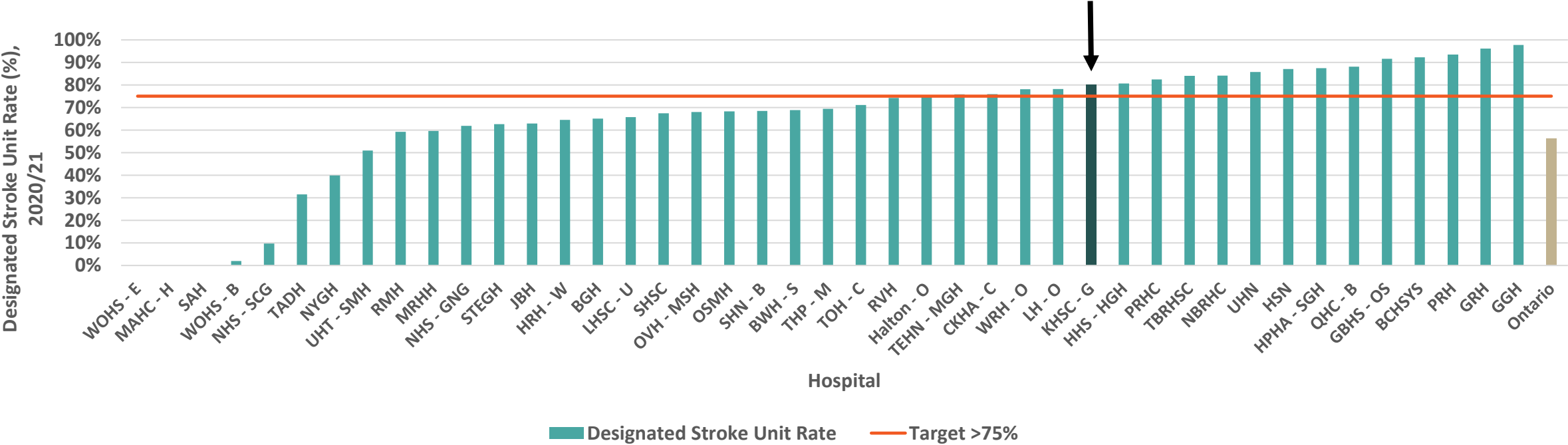


Chapter 3: Acute Care Access and Outcomes for Stroke and TIA

Indicator 3.1: Designated Stroke Unit Rate for Stroke/TIA Acute Patients, FY 2020/21 – *Hospital Level*

Indicator Description:

This indicator measures the proportion of stroke/TIA patients treated in a designated stroke unit for any part of their index (first) admission. Target is >75%³



Interpretation Consideration:

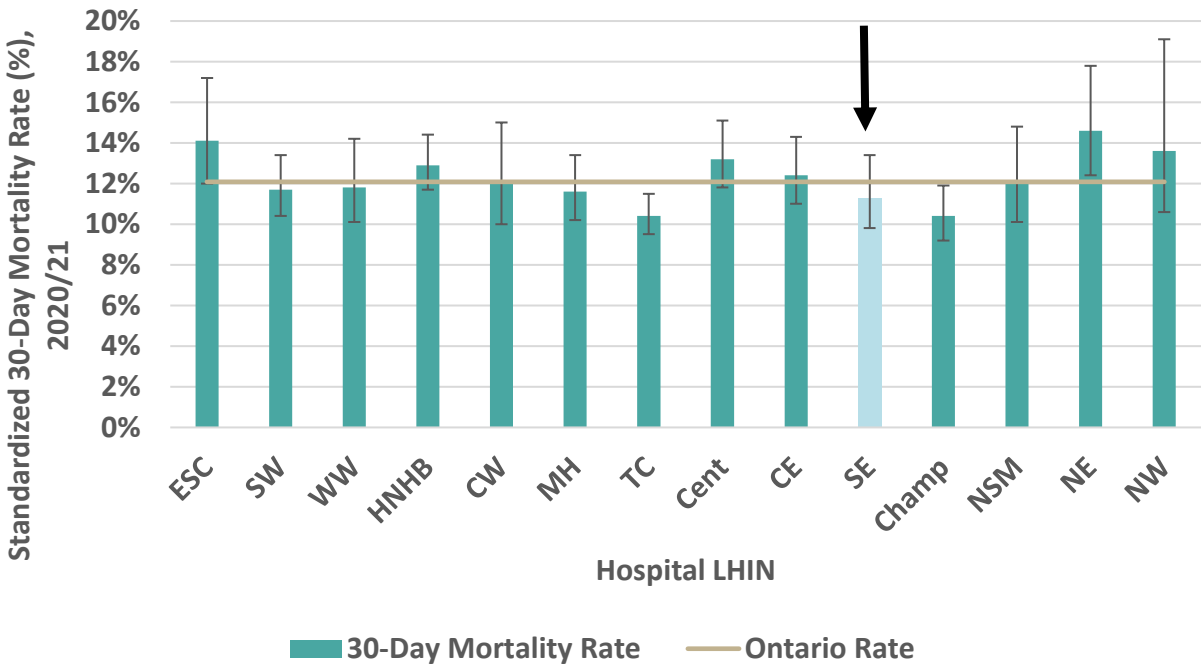
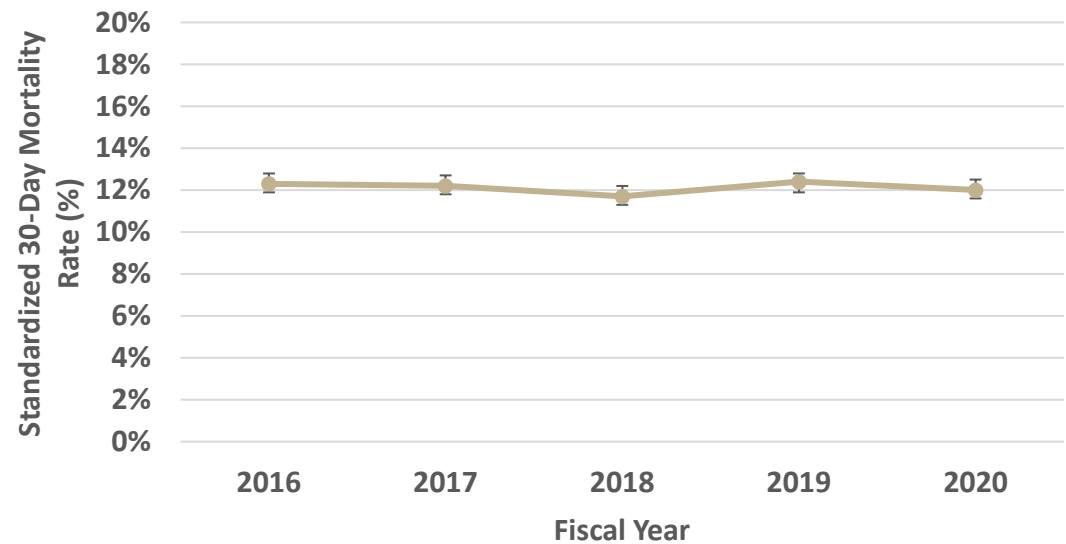
Desired directionality is high. Patients who receive stroke unit care are more likely to survive, return home and regain independence compared to patients who receive generalized care.² To optimize access and improve outcomes to this specialized care, consideration will need to be given to hospital (local) and regional level barriers and enablers. In addition, review and update of the indicator methodology may be helpful to ensure that measurement is reflective of the true performance within the system (e.g., patients not treated in a stroke unit at the index hospital, but are transferred and treated in a stroke unit at the receiving hospital are currently not counted). Refer to [Appendix B](#) for hospital abbreviations.

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Indicator 3.3: Standardized 30-Day All-Cause Mortality Rate of Stroke and TIA Admissions to Acute Care, FY 2020/21

Indicator Description:

This indicator measures the all-cause mortality rate in the 30-days following admission for stroke or TIA. This indicator is adjusted for patient age, stroke type, ambulance arrival and medical history factors including hypertension, atrial fibrillation, and a Charlson Comorbidity Index Score of 7+.



Interpretation Consideration:

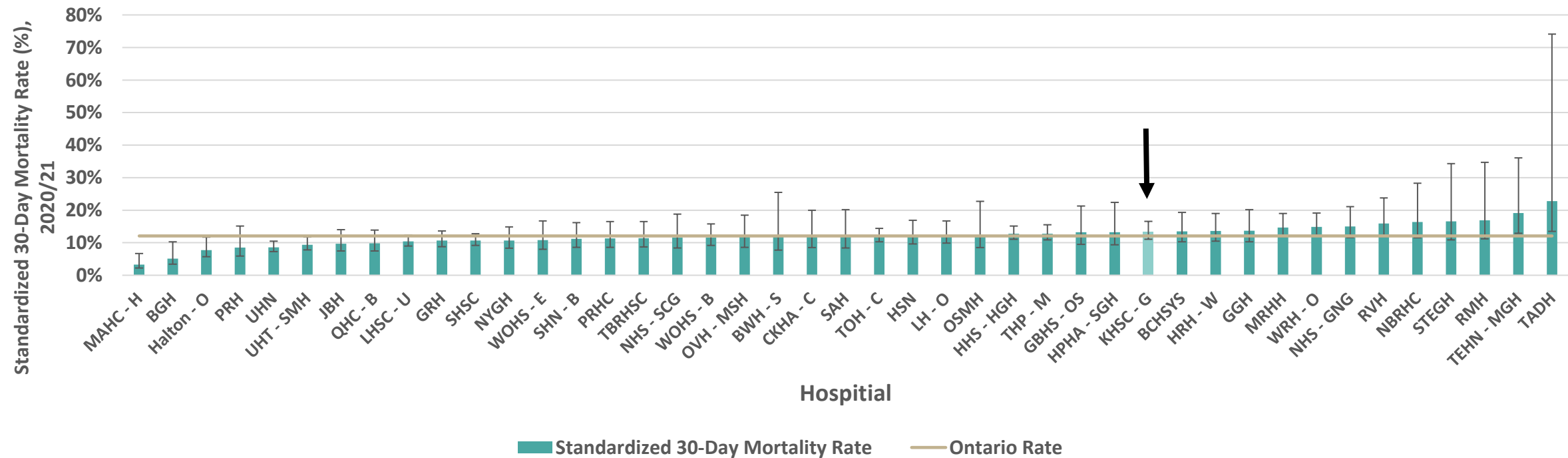
Desired directionality is low. The standardized mortality rate for Ontario has remained relatively flat for the past five years (including the first year of the pandemic) around 12%. There is variation amongst the LHINs, with TC and Champlain LHIN being significantly lower than the Ontario rate. This indicator measures all-cause mortality; therefore, death may not be related to the stroke event.

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Indicator 3.3: Standardized 30-Day All-Cause Mortality Rate of Stroke and TIA Admissions to Acute Care, FY 2020/21 – Hospital Level

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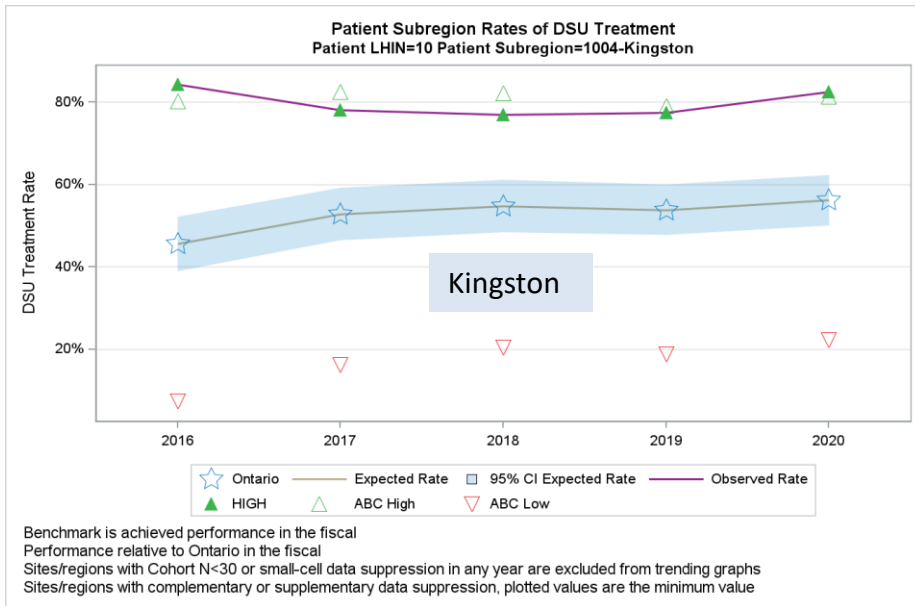
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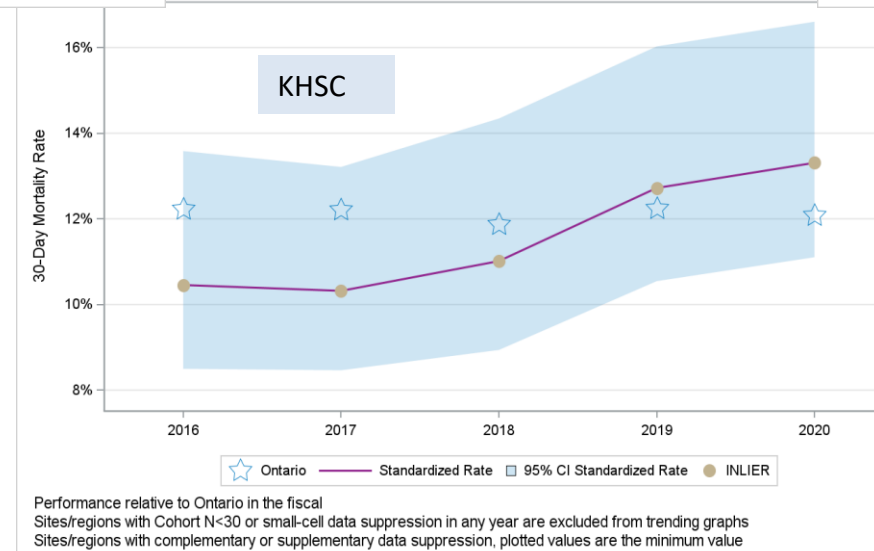
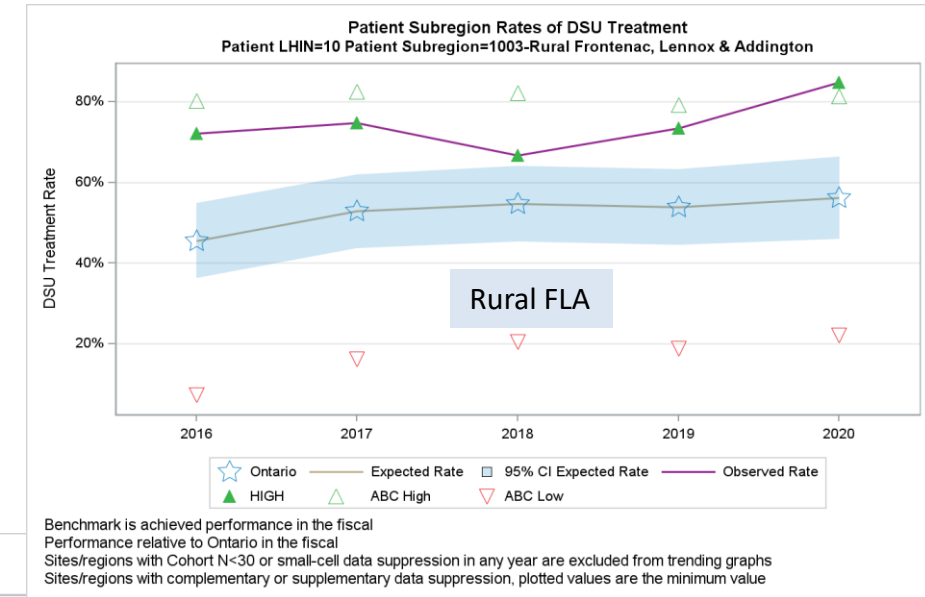
Desired directionality is low. In 2020, most of the hospitals were not statistically different than the Ontario rate, though some show more variance than others. There may be opportunity to improve consistency of outcomes within or across centres. This indicator measures all-cause mortality; therefore, death may not be related to the stroke event. Refer to [Appendix B](#) for hospital abbreviations.

3.1 Designated Stroke Unit Rate for Stroke/TIA Acute Patients and 3.3 – 30-day Stroke Mortality Stroke Report FY 2020-2021



Efforts have
focused on
sustaining
positive rates of
over 75% ASU
utilization.

ON Report uses
Most
Responsible Dx



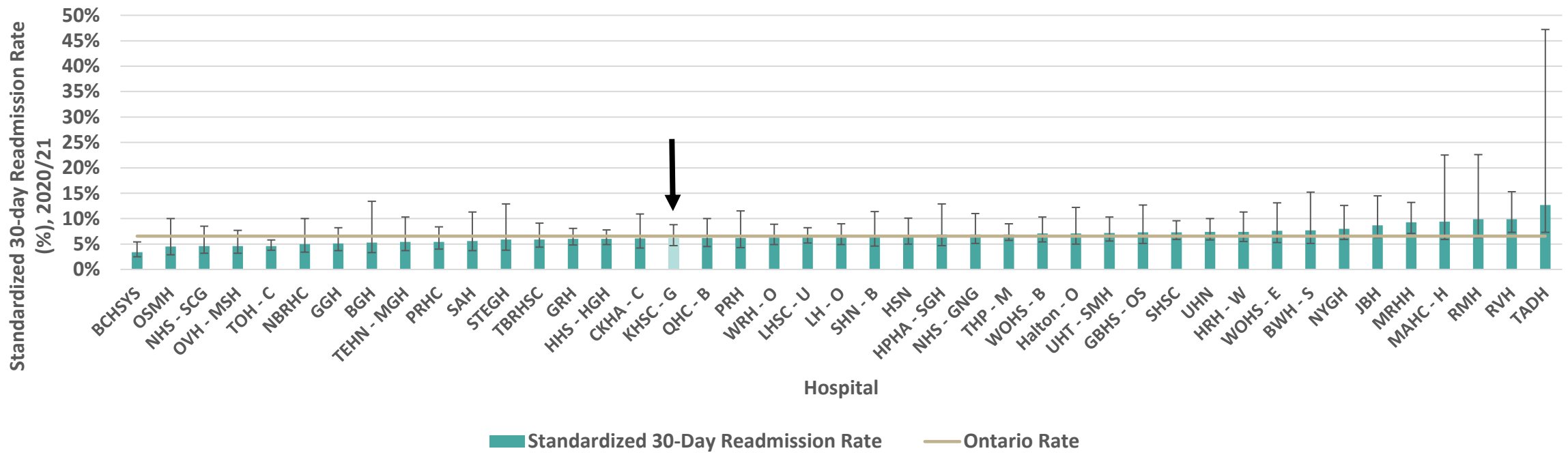
Mortality is known
to be related to
ASU rate

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Indicator 3.4: Standardized 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate, FY 2020/21 – Hospital Level

Indicator Description:

This indicator measures the rate at which TIA and stroke patients are readmitted for any cause in the 30-days following discharge from acute care or the emergency department. This indicator is adjusted for patient age and stroke type.



Interpretation Consideration:

Desired directionality is low. This indicator is for all-cause readmission; therefore, a patient can be readmitted due to non-stroke related causes. In 2020, BCHSYS and TOH-C were the only two hospitals that were statistically lower than the Ontario rate. Some show more variance than others. There may be opportunity to improve consistency of outcomes within or across centres. Refer to [Appendix B](#) for hospital abbreviations.

Acute and Rehab Stroke Data

Inpatient Rehab

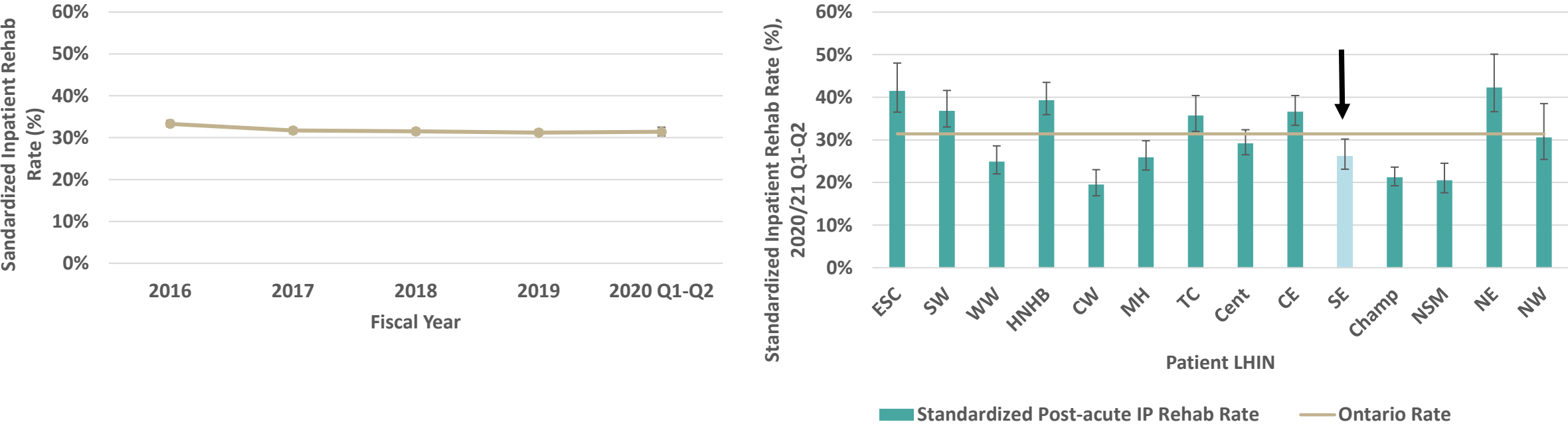


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Indicator 4.1.2: Standardized Rate of Access to Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, FY 2020/21 Q1-Q2

Indicator Description:

Proportion of stroke patients discharged alive from acute care who went into inpatient rehabilitation. The indicator is standardized for stroke type and AlphaFIM® instrument (AlphaFIM®) score which provides insight into the stroke severity (level of functional status and disability).



Interpretation Considerations:

Inpatient rehab is most appropriate for stroke patients with moderate to severe disability. For the last four fiscal years (2017-2020), access to inpatient stroke rehabilitation has been relatively steady at around 31%. Interesting to note, in the early stages of the pandemic, access to inpatient stroke rehabilitation did not change. There is high variability of access to inpatient stroke rehabilitation across the LHINs. High rates may reflect lack of access to community-based rehabilitation, necessitating admission of stroke patients with milder disability to inpatient rehab programs. Regional context and availability of all rehabilitation services should be considered when interpreting this indicator.

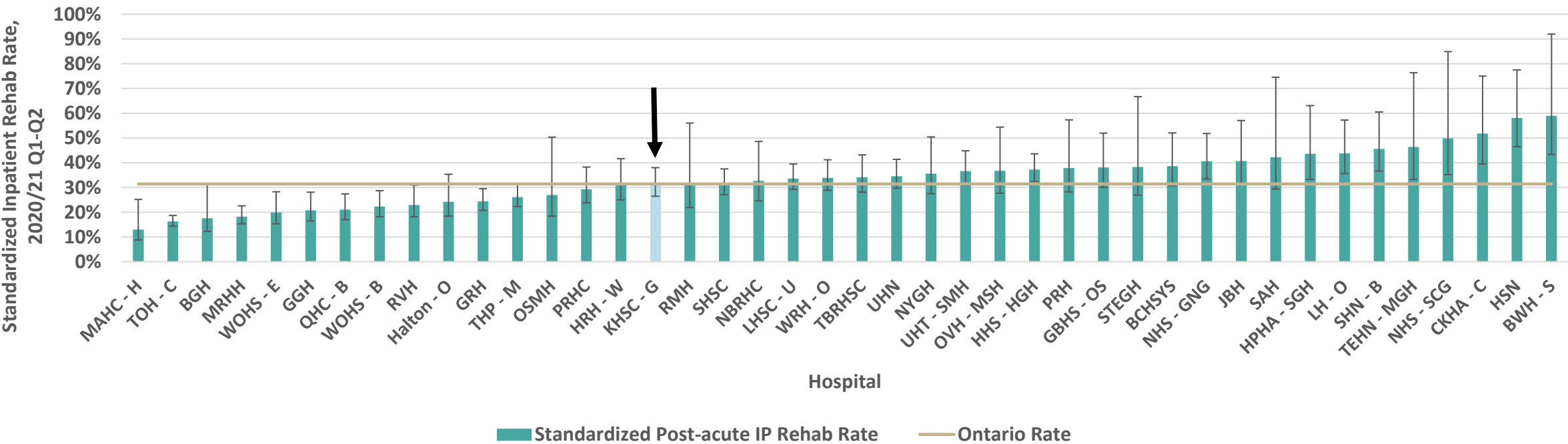
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Indicator 4.1.2: Standardized Rate of Access to Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, FY 2020/21 Q1-Q2 – Hospital Level

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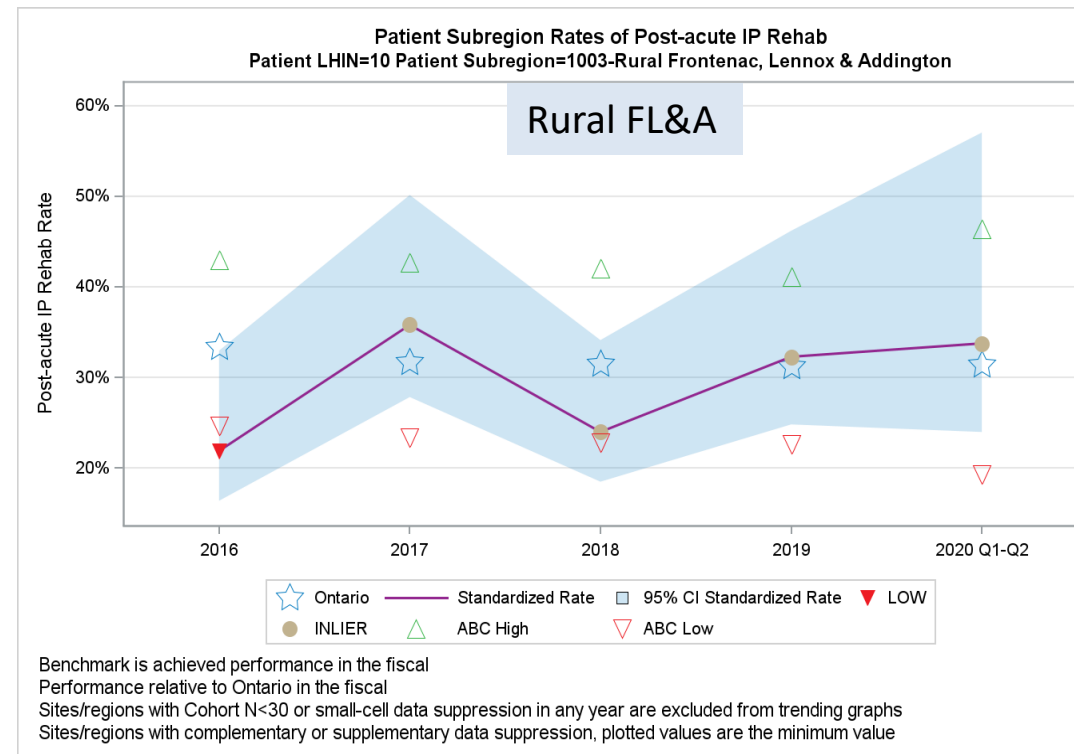
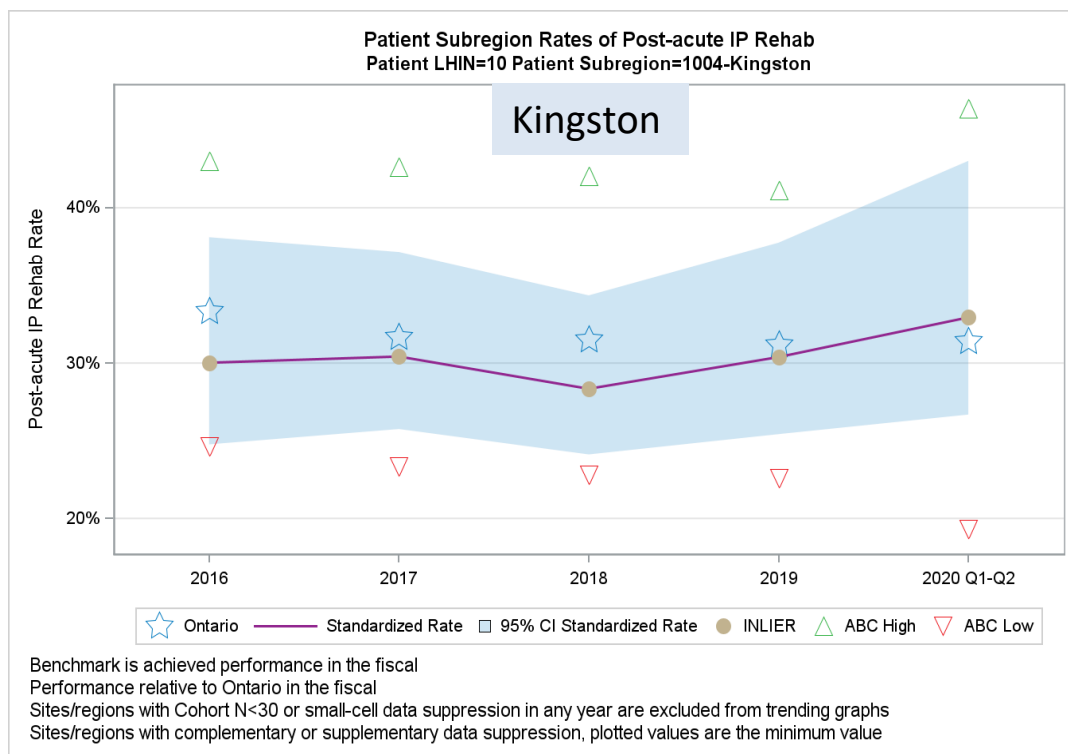
Proportion of stroke patients discharged alive from acute care who went into inpatient (IP) rehabilitation. The indicator is standardized for stroke type and AlphaFIM® instrument (AlphaFIM®) score which provides insight into the stroke severity (level of functional status and disability).



Interpretation Considerations:

This indicator is reported by index (first) acute hospital i.e., if a patient is transferred from hospital A to hospital B, and is subsequently discharged to inpatient rehabilitation, that patient is attributed to hospital A. Across these acute hospitals there is high variability of access to inpatient rehabilitation beds for stroke patients. To optimize access to inpatient stroke rehabilitation care, all hospitals should continue to work with their system partners to ensure services, capacity, resources and pathways are adequate to meet patients’ needs across all rehabilitation settings. Refer to [Appendix B](#) for hospital abbreviations.

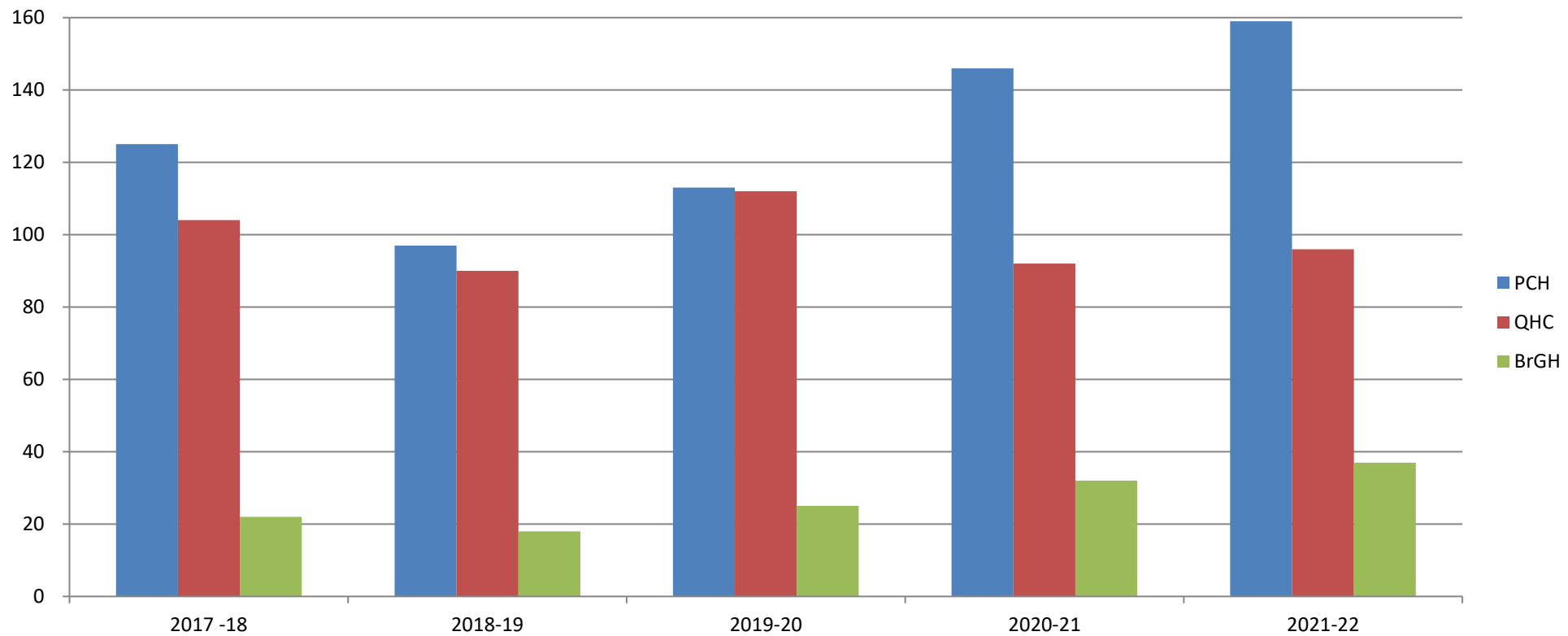
Standardized Rate of Access to Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Stroke Report FY 2020/21 Q1-Q2 - **Percent Admitted**



Increasing rates of
access to inpatient
rehabilitation

Regional Stroke Dashboard: Stroke Rehab Volumes

**CVA Rehab Admissions
(High Intensity)**

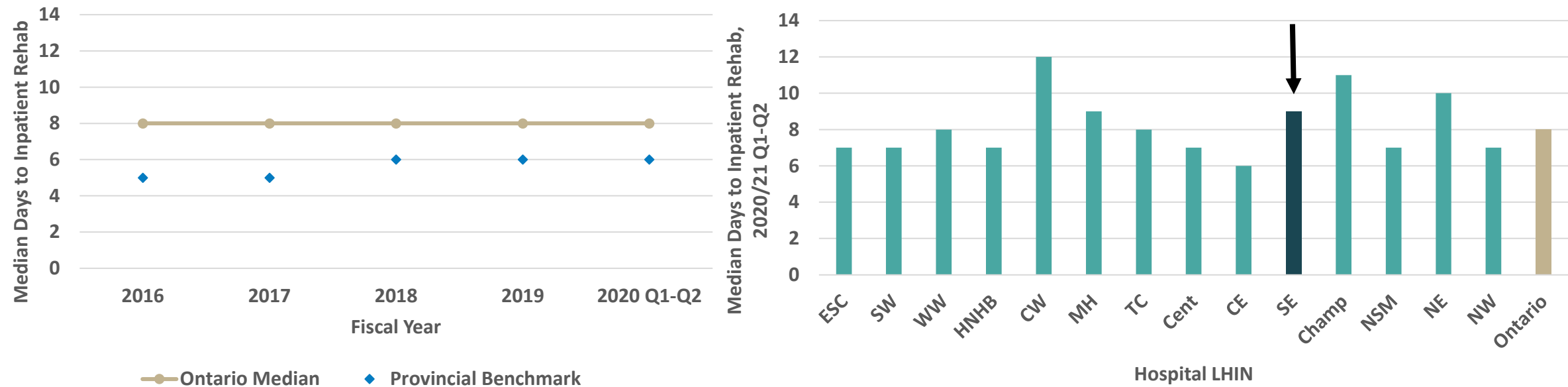


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Indicator 4.2.1: Median Days to First Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, FY 2020/21 Q1-Q2

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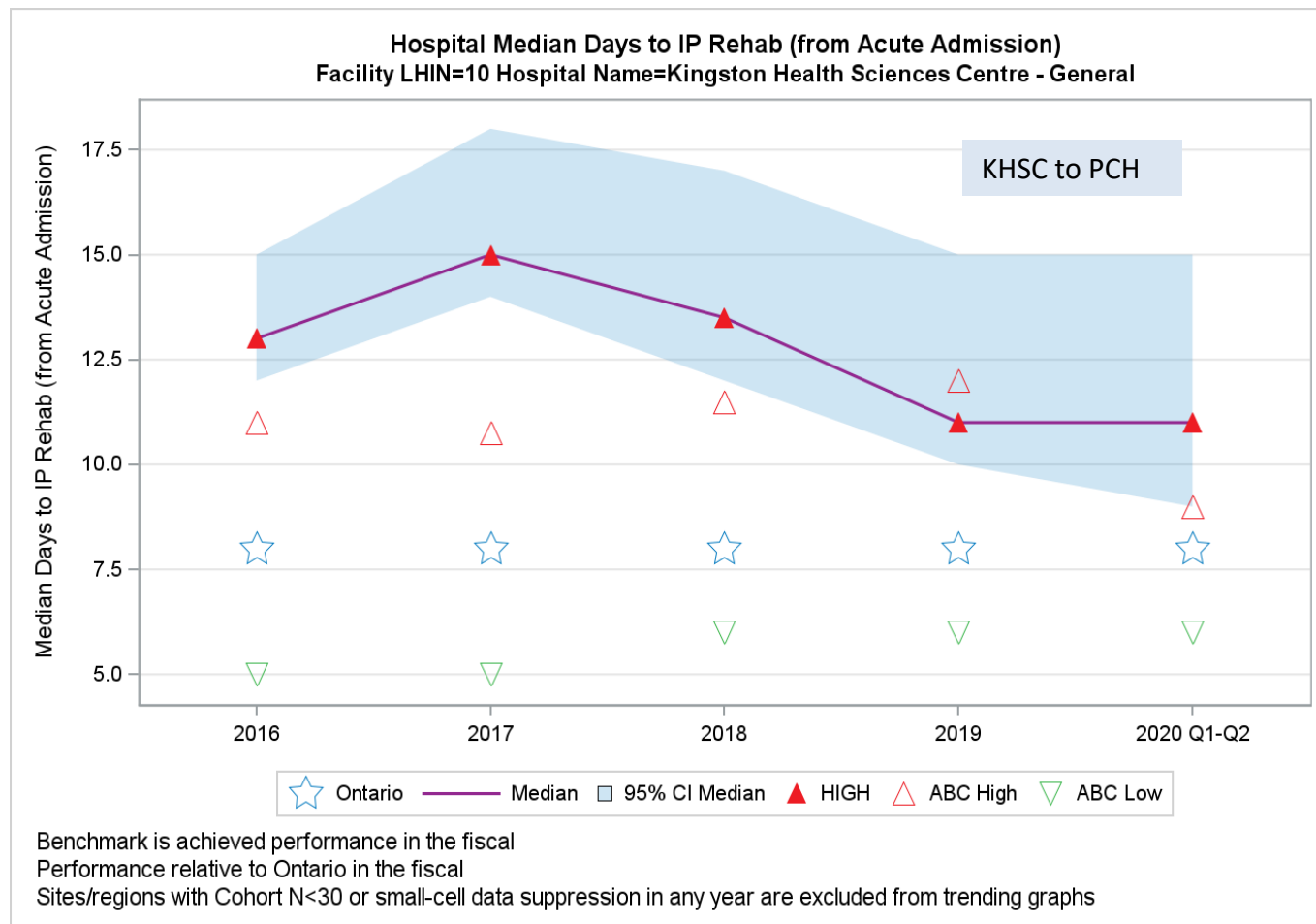
Median time (days) from acute admission to post-acute inpatient rehabilitation admission. Metric includes stroke patients that were admitted to inpatient rehabilitation within one calendar day following discharge from acute care.



Interpretation Considerations:

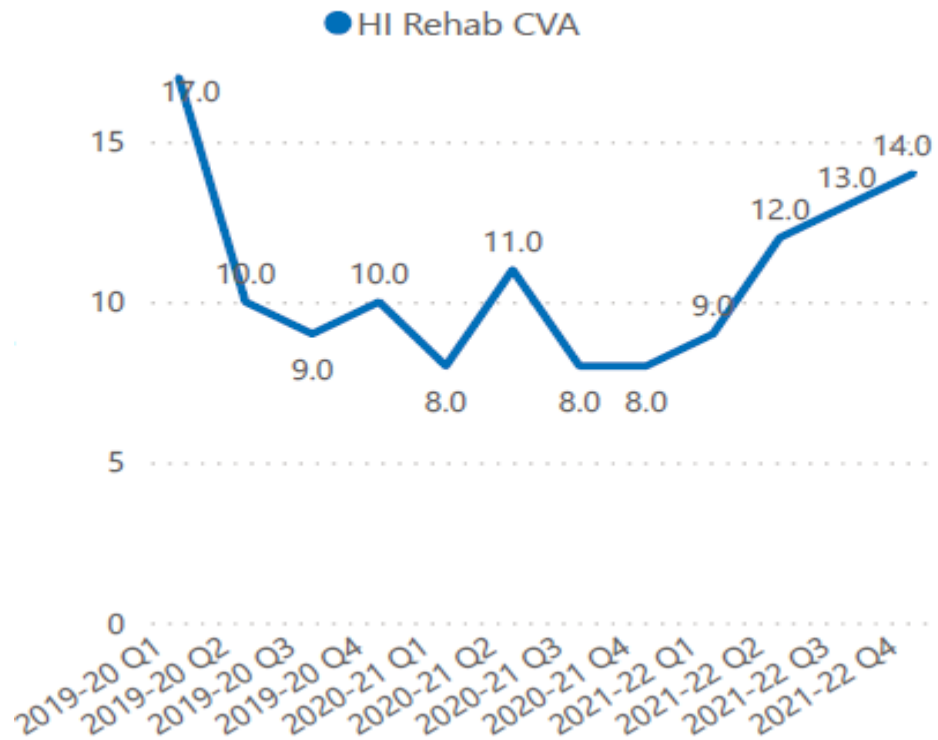
Best practice recommends that ischemic stroke patients should access inpatient rehabilitation by day 6 of acute admission, and hemorrhagic stroke patients should access inpatient rehabilitation by day 8 of their acute admission.⁵ Provincially, median days to inpatient rehabilitation was 8 days for the entire reporting period, and the early stages of the pandemic did not delay access to inpatient rehabilitation. There is regional variability which may reflect various factors e.g., inpatient and community-based rehabilitation capacity, referral processes, stroke type and medical complexities.

Median Days to First Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, Stroke Report FY 2020/21 Q1-Q2

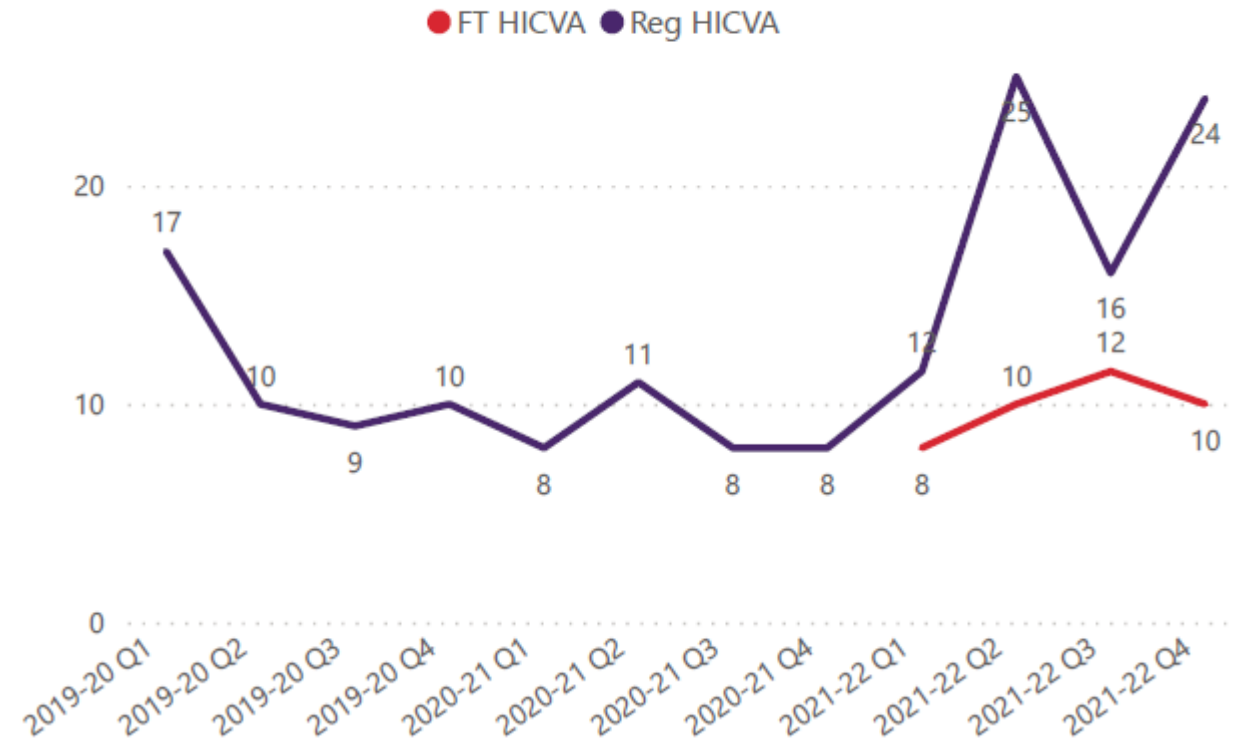


Local KFLA Data: Median Time to Inpatient Rehabilitation

Median KHSC Admit to Rehab Admit (Incl. Holds)



Median KHSC Admit to Rehab Admit (Incl. Holds)

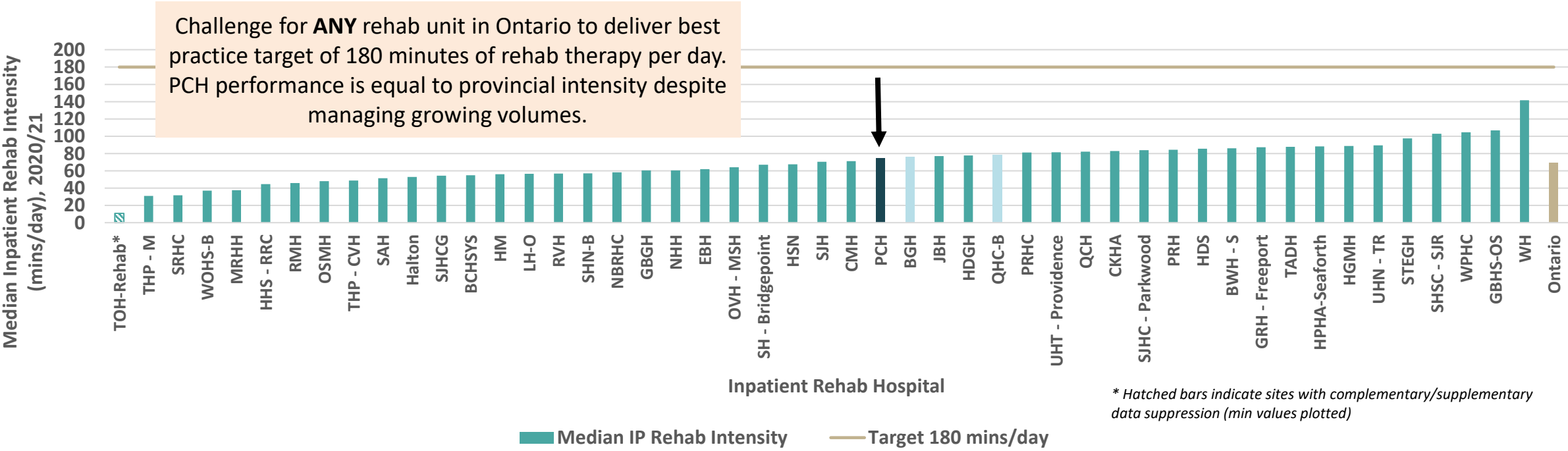


Chapter 4: Post-Acute Stroke Rehabilitation Access and Timeliness

Indicator 4.5: Median Minutes per Day of Direct Inpatient Rehabilitation Therapy, FY 2020/21 – Hospital Level

Indicator Description:

This indicator measures number of minutes per day of direct therapy (OT, PT, SLP) received by stroke patients during their active inpatient rehab stay. Target is 180 minutes/day⁵

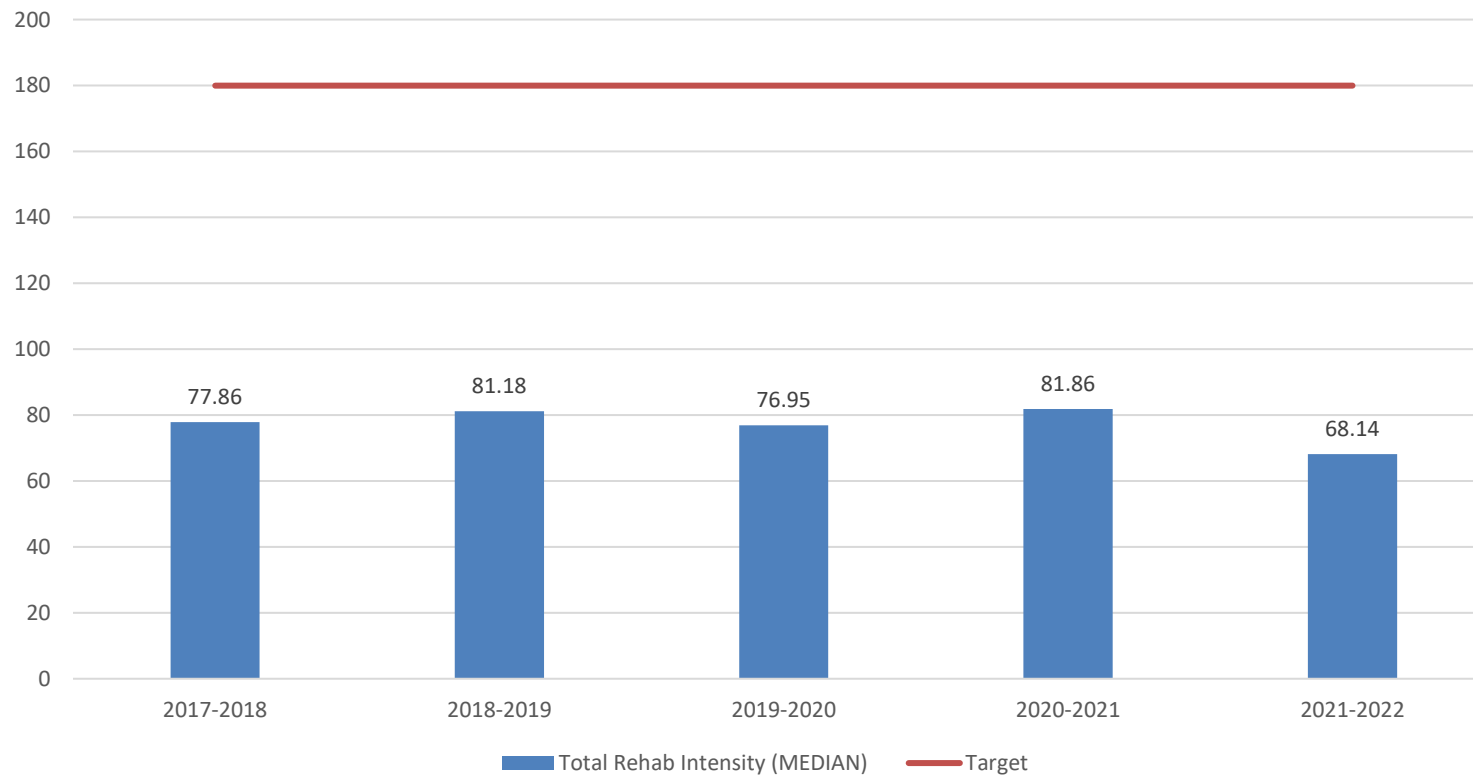


Interpretation Considerations:

Desired directionality is high. There is wide variation in hospital performance in 2020 from 10.9 minutes per day for TOH-Rehab to 141.7 minutes per day for WH. All inpatient rehabilitation hospitals are below the target of 180 minutes per day of direct inpatient rehabilitation therapy.⁵ Factors influencing rehabilitation time require further investigation. This metric excludes group therapy, and any rehabilitation assistant time that accounts for more than 33% of the total rehabilitation time. Refer to [Appendix B](#) for hospital abbreviations.

Regional Stroke Dashboard: PCH Rehabilitation Intensity

PCH Median Rehabilitation Intensity



Last fiscal it was harder to sustain rehabilitation intensity due to growing volumes and staffing challenges

Acute and Rehab Stroke Discussion “ONE TEAM”

- **Accomplishments**

- FAST track flow KHSC to PCH
- Decreased complication rates and hemorrhagic mortality rates
- Enhanced transitions to the community setting

- **Ongoing**

- Stroke unit utilization rate
- Preparing for and sustaining acute stroke distinction
- Spread of FAST Track to regular rehab referrals
- Maximizing Inpatient Rehab Intensity: use of Rehab Assistants, scheduling
- Building stroke expertise

- **FUTURE:**

- ??Critical Care Enhancements??
- Collaboration with outpatient rehab (see community rehab section)

Refer to [SEO Regional Stroke Best Practice Workplan 2021-23](#)

Community Stroke Data

Community Rehab
Community Supports

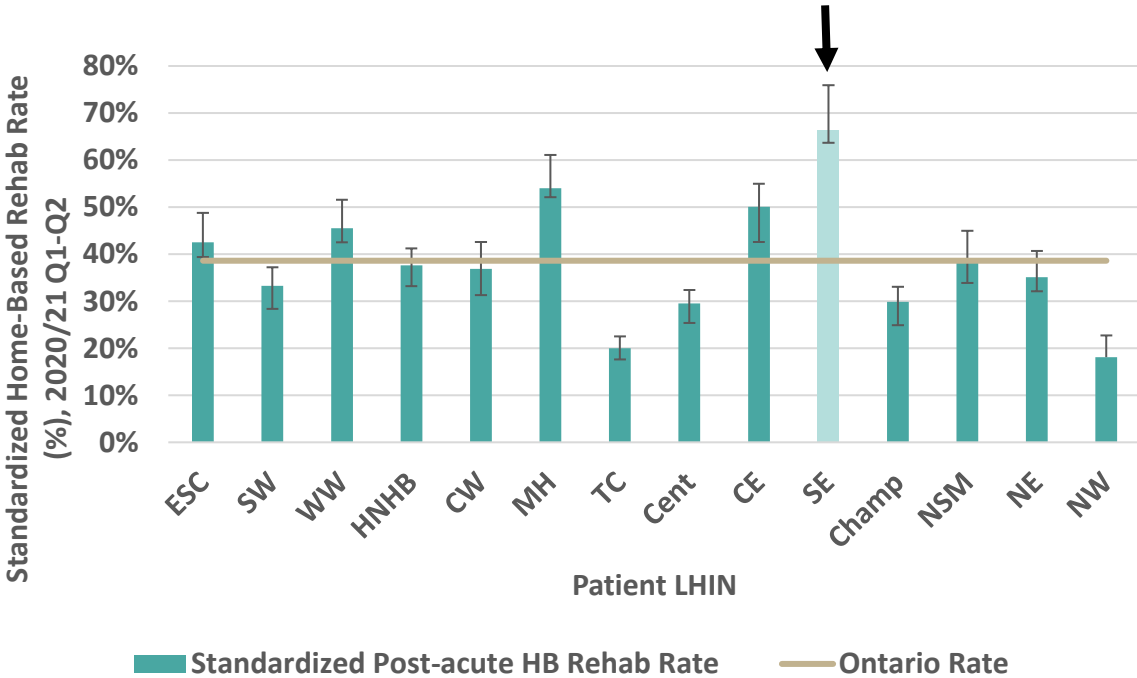
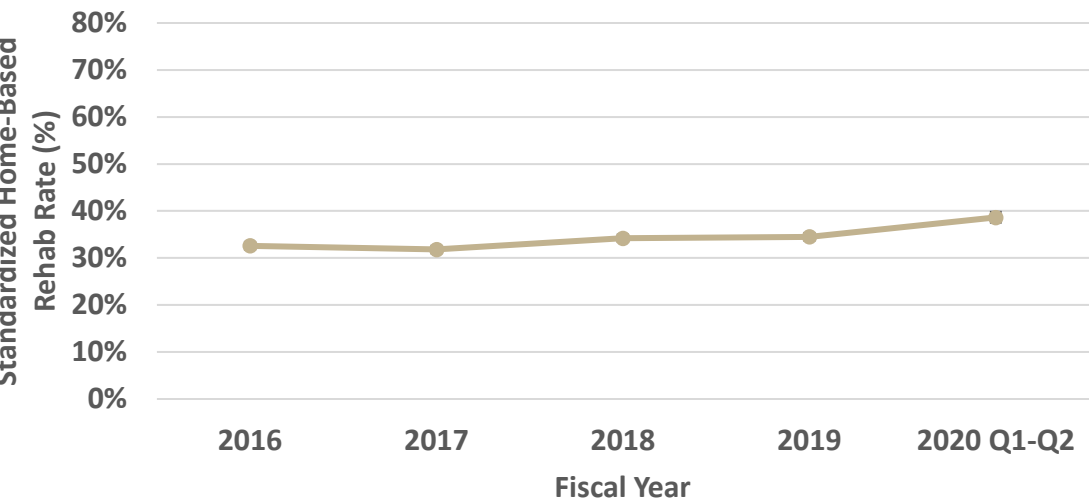


Chapter 4: Post-Acute Stroke Rehabilitation Access and Timeliness

Indicator 4.1.3: Standardized Rate of Access to Post-Acute Home-Based Rehabilitation, FY 2020/21 Q1-Q2

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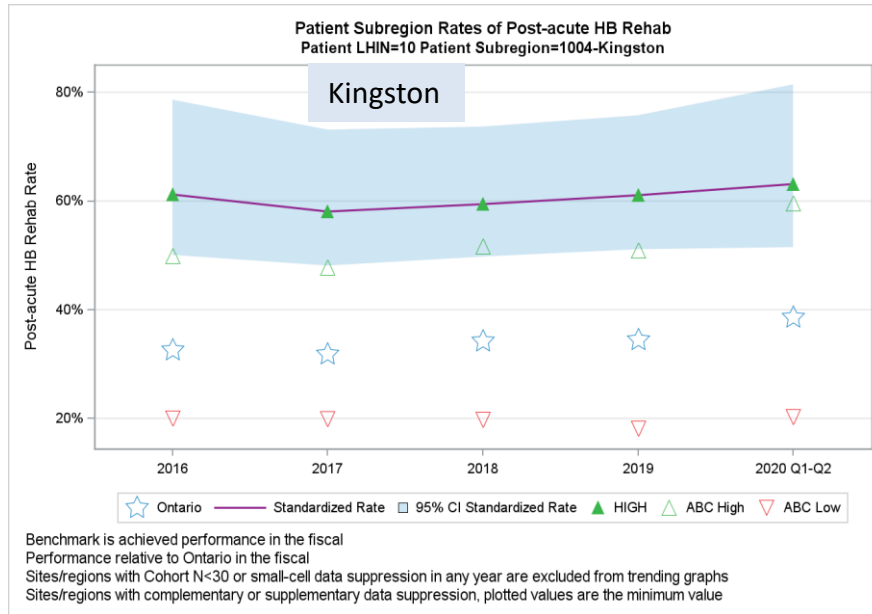
Proportion of stroke patients discharged alive from acute care who received at least 3 home-based rehabilitation visits. The indicator is standardized for stroke type and AlphaFIM® instrument (AlphaFIM®) score which provides insight into the stroke severity (level of functional status and disability).



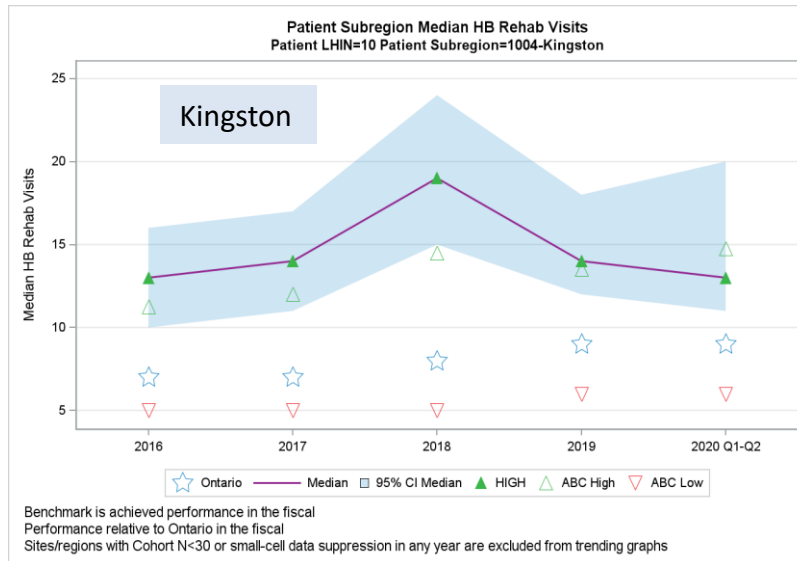
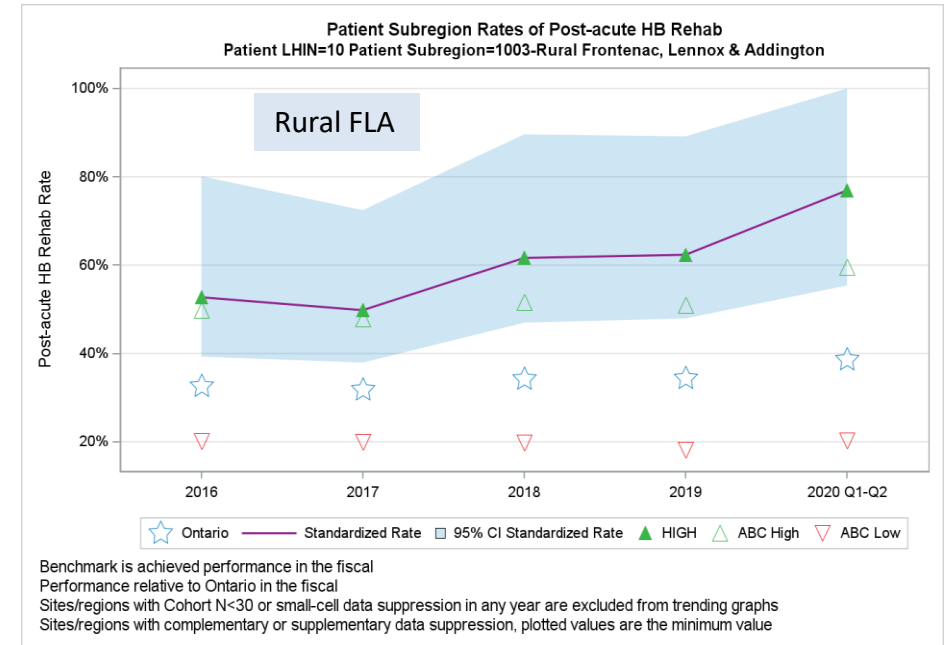
Interpretation Considerations:

Provincial access to home-based rehabilitation increased from 33% in 2016 to 39% in 2020 Q1-Q2. Access to home-based rehabilitation increased in the first two quarters of the pandemic, and this is likely associated with the pandemic related outpatient rehabilitation closures.¹¹ When data are available for the last two quarters of 2020, it will be interesting to see if this increase is sustained. There is variability within the LHINs which may reflect availability of both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services; however, there is no standardized provincial system to capture outpatient rehabilitation data. Furthermore, home-based rehabilitation provided by hospitals, are not captured in the HCD (homecare database). For a listing of in-home Community Stroke Rehabilitation Programs across Ontario, see [Appendix E](#).

4.1 Standardized Rate of Access to Home-Based Rehabilitation, FY 2020/21 Q1-Q2

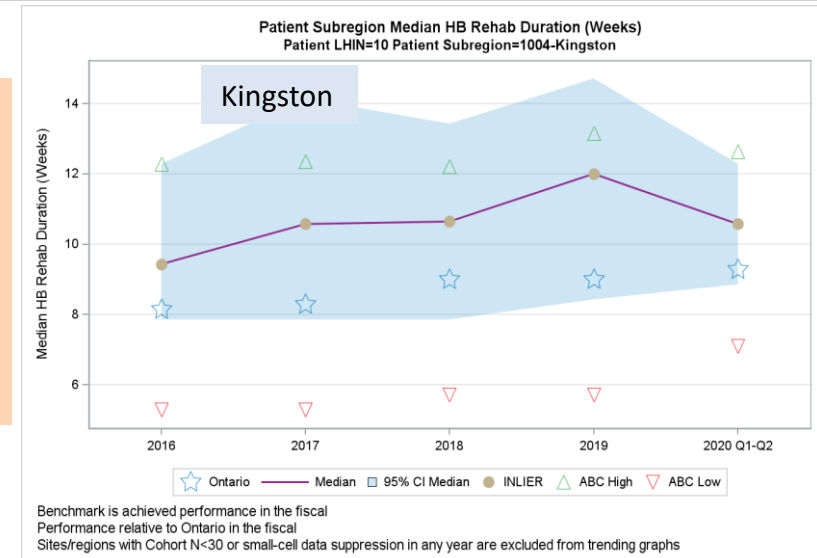


High rates of admission to home based rehab services in Kingston and Rural FLA compared to Ontario – partly explained by lack of OP programs during start of COVID

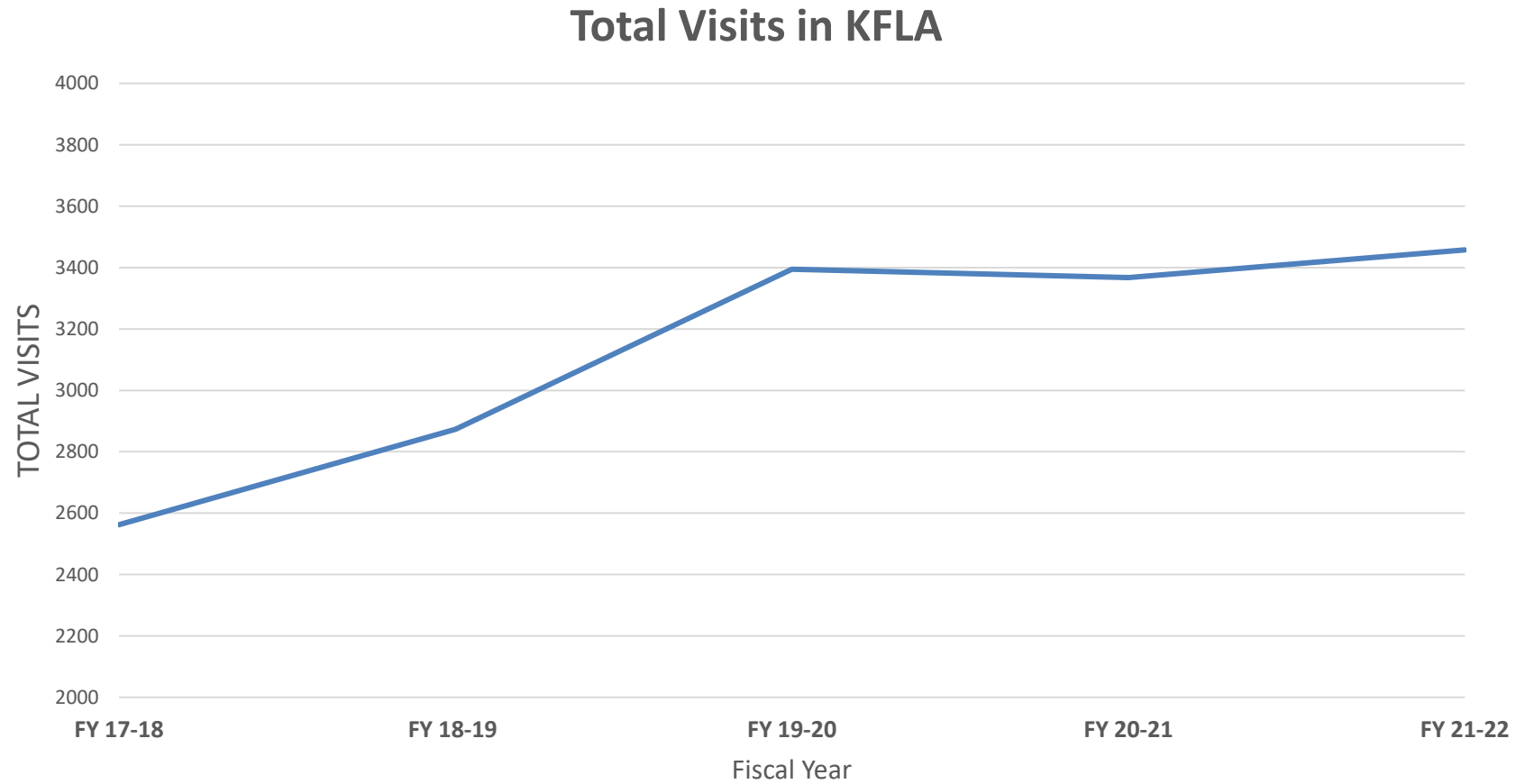


Decreasing rates of Home-based Rehab visit intensity

Decreasing duration of Rx – losing gains made?

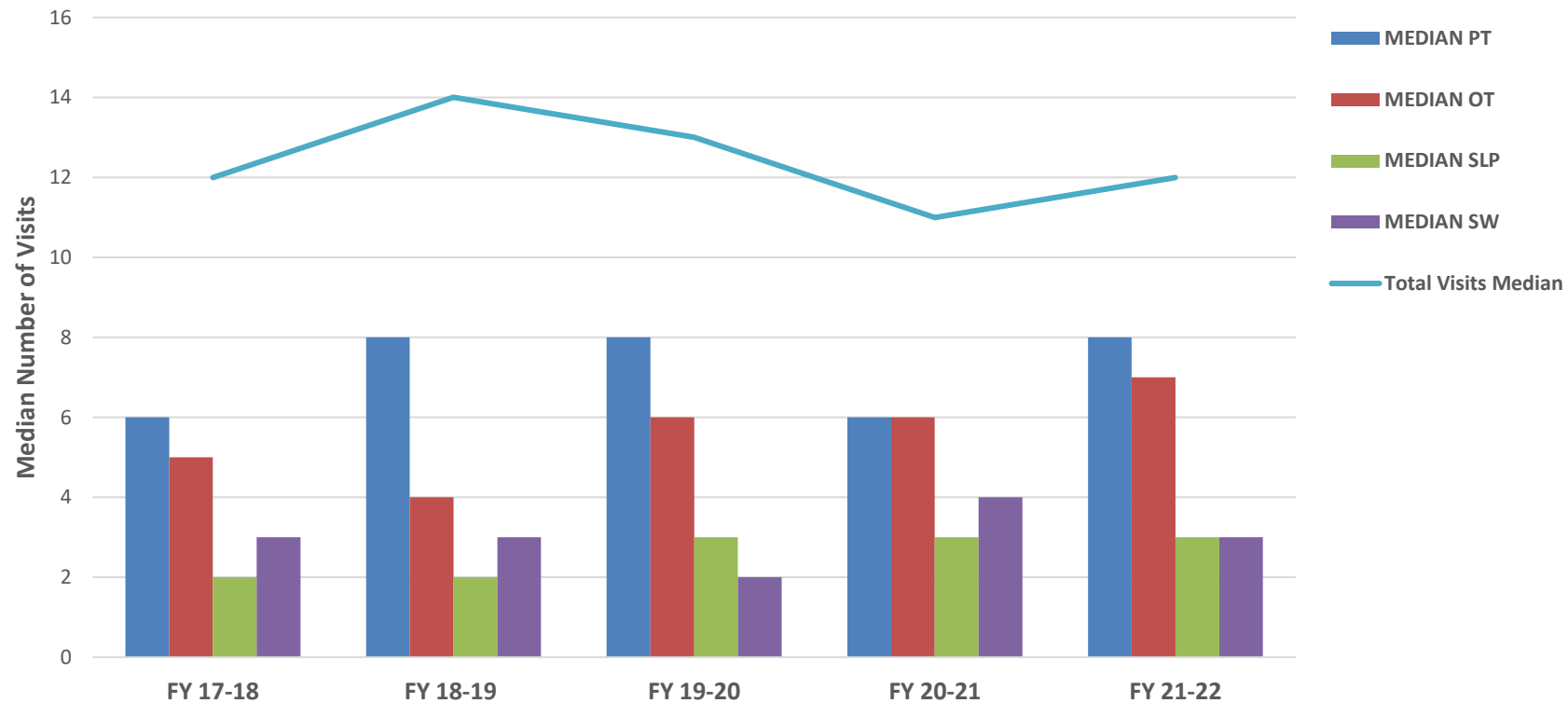


Regional Stroke Dashboard : Community Stroke Rehabilitation Total Therapy Visits KFLA – 2021-22



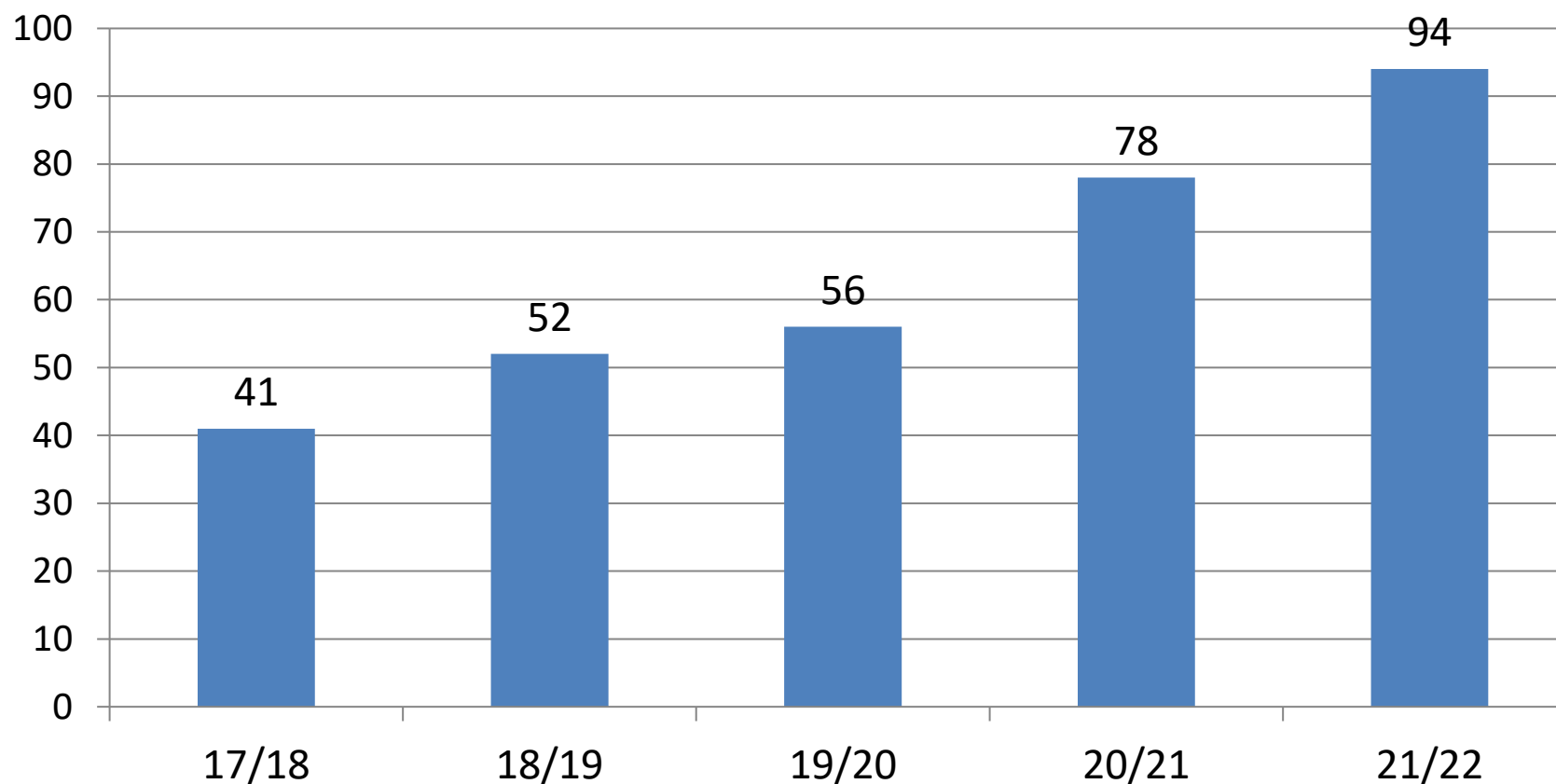
Regional Stroke Dashboard: Community Stroke Rehabilitation Median Visit Intensity per Patient – 2021-22

Total Median Visits by Discipline in KFLA



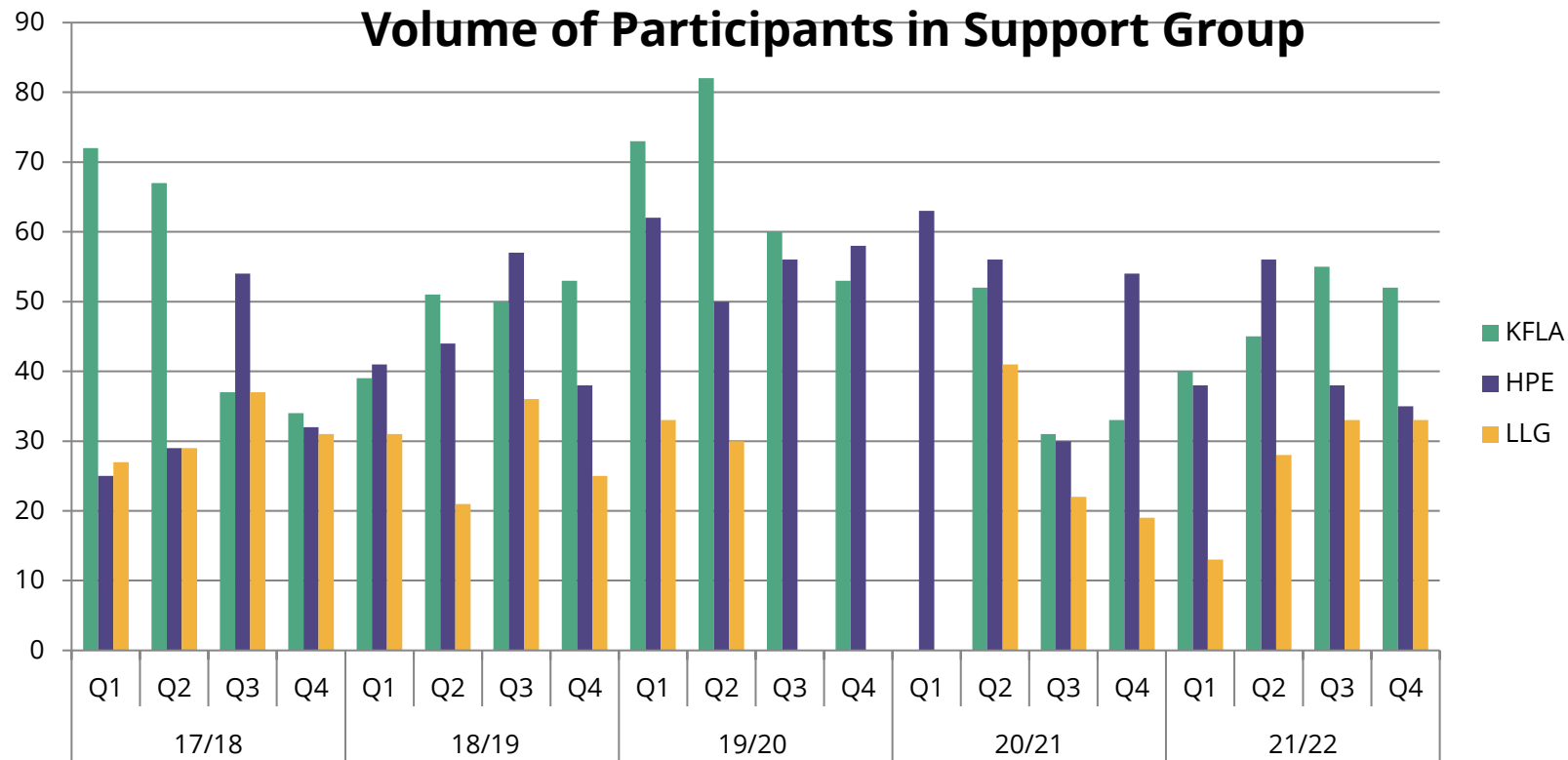
Regional Stroke Dashboard: Number of Community Rehab Planning Meetings– 2020-21

Volume of Patients received a Community Rehab Planning Meetings from PCH



Regional Stroke Dashboard

Community Stroke Support Group Participation



[Hospital Community Collaboration](#) has contributed to improved referral rates and participation; virtual connections have strengthened transitions.

Community Stroke Discussion

- **Accomplishments**

- Largely, sustained Community Stroke Rehab Program despite COVID
- Enhanced Stroke Survivor Support Groups with virtual models and connections
- Growth of Aphasia Conversation Groups

- **Ongoing**

- Maximizing Home-based Community Stroke Rehab Capacity
 - Rehabilitation Assistants; expertise
 - Sustaining and building best practices in CSRP
- Community Supports: Consultation 2022-23

- **FUTURE:**

- Comprehensive neuro outpatient program in KFLA
- Growth in capacity for community rehabilitation
- Community Supports: Consultation Report and Recommendations 2023-24

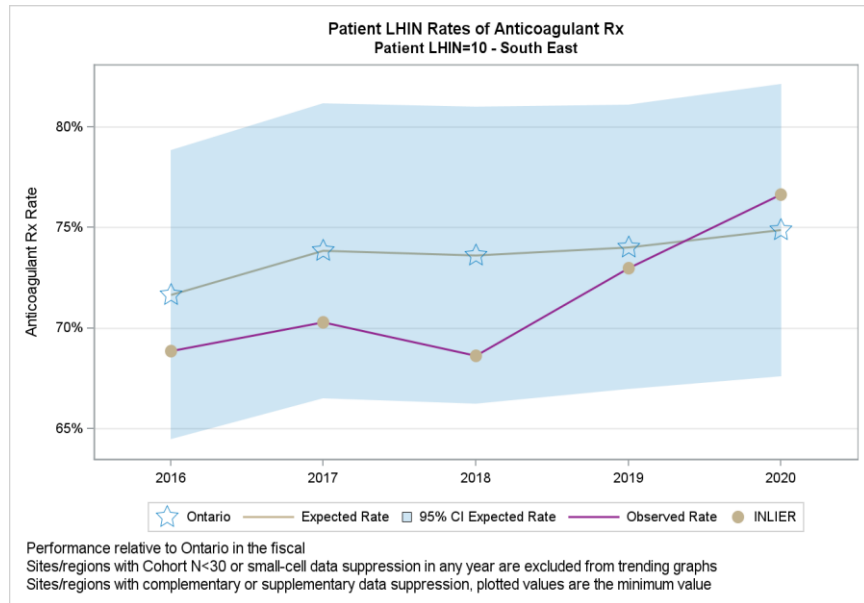
Refer to [SEO Regional Stroke Best Practice Workplan 2021-23](#)



KFLA Stroke Report

Persisting Areas of Concern

PREVENTION



Anticoagulant Rx rate an ongoing area of prevention focus: KHSC Rate in 2020-21 was up to 75.4% from 73.4% in previous report. Rural areas have lower rates.

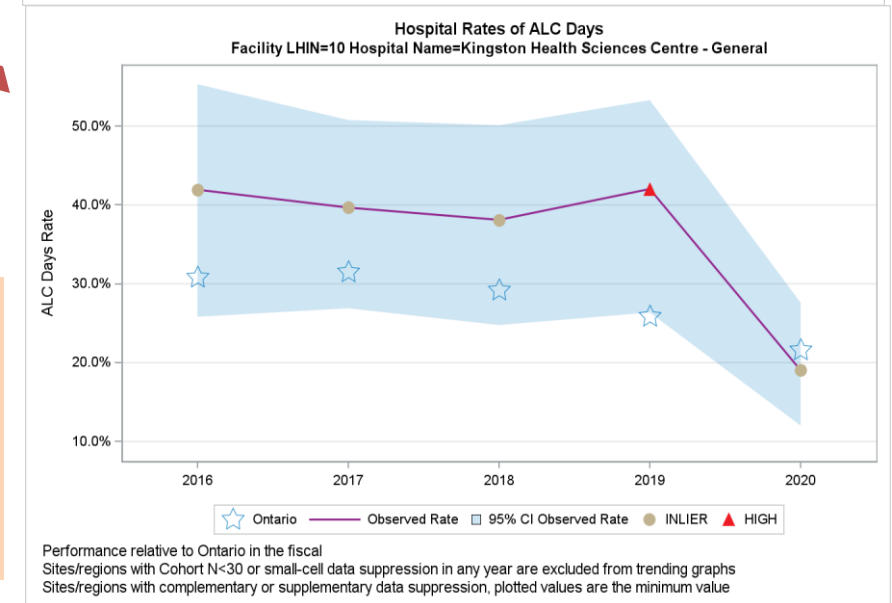
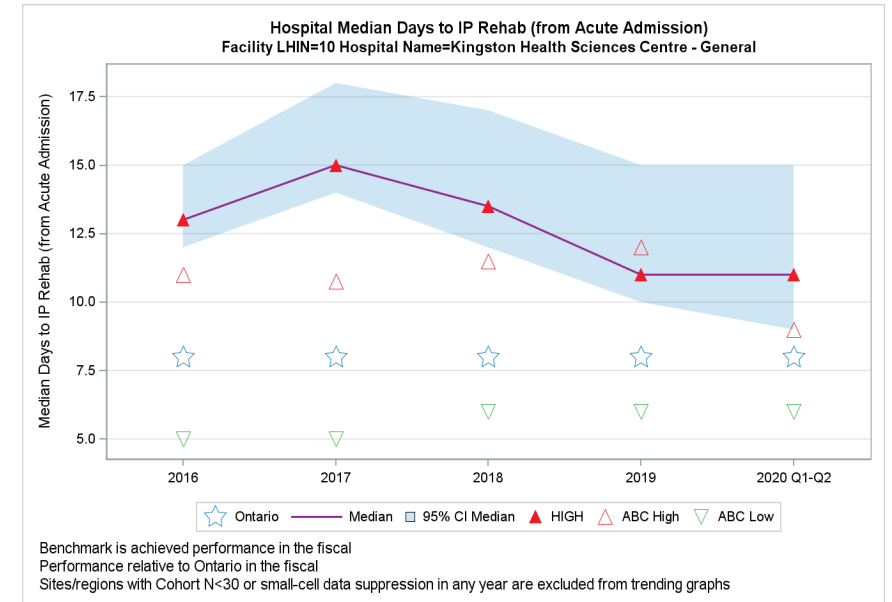
FLOW

Time to rehab *improving* with Fast Track work; regular rehab referrals are an ongoing challenge.

These indicators have a system relationship with **Acute Stroke Unit rates** noted earlier.

Future comprehensive community based rehab programs will assist with system flow and patient outcomes.

ALC days (to LTC and rehab) *improved* but this is likely due to COVID effect; the ALC concern was transferred to PCH during COVID



SE Region EVALUATION SUMMARY

- All measures improved this report over last- CONGRATS!
- Strengths to sustain!!
 - Stroke Prevention Clinic referral rates
 - Ambulance use and Hyperacute treatment access
 - Care in Designated/Acute Stroke Unit
 - Community Home-based Rehab and links to community services
 - Stable outcomes – mortality, readmission, rate of LTC admission
- Challenges – improving; need continued emphasis on ONE TEAM
 - Stroke Prevention (admission rates/volumes; anticoagulation - rural areas)
 - Flow to rehab (stroke onset to rehab admission)
 - Access to designated rehab beds
 - Persisting ALC rates
- Known system gaps
 - No outpatient rehab in Kingston and Brockville; no data
 - Delayed access to thrombolysis in LLG
 - Health Human Resources

KFLA STROKE EVALUATION SUMMARY



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