



Establishing a Foundation for Sustainable Community Stroke Rehabilitation Evaluation in Ontario



Community Stroke Rehabilitation (CSR) provides specialized stroke rehabilitation in outpatient and in-home settings that has resulted in a positive impact on patient recovery and health system performance (e.g. decreased inpatient stay).

Currently wide variability exists in CSR data collection and program evaluation methods. Standardized evaluation of CSR is required to support health system planners and providers to make improvements and ensure optimal patient outcomes.

Summary of Recommendations

Stroke Stakeholders need the Ministry of Health to facilitate a data reporting infrastructure to enable standardized data to be reported to centralized databases to support the evaluation of CSR in Ontario.

Implementation of these recommendations moves the system towards a credible and core baseline data set that can evolve to meet evaluation needs.

Data collection system in place for all CSR stroke patients

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Standard minimum data fields and definitions across ALL CSR programs including virtual care elements

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Standard number of indicators for all CSR programs

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Include identification of patients specifically enrolled in a CSR program

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CSR programs should have adequate resources for evaluation

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One patient functional outcome measure in all CSR programs

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The expertise of several program and health information stakeholders is needed to advance this work collaboratively with the Regional Stroke Networks and CorHealth Ontario. A focused and collective effort is needed to implement coordinated CSR data collection and evaluation in Ontario.