



Stroke Distinction: Did You Know?

ACUTE STROKE PROTOCOLS:

Stroke protocols - a set of procedures and/or an algorithm/flow that helps ensure that stroke care is people-centred, consistent, adheres to evidence-informed practices, follows the latest evidence-based clinical guidelines for service delivery, and maintains safety and quality across the continuum of care.

To achieve Distinction must have at least 60% of recommended protocols

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✓ Acute Stroke Services Protocols

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Stroke screening
- EMS bypass / direct transport to stroke centres (including air ambulance)
- EMS pre-notification of suspected stroke
- Emergency Department notification of hospital-based stroke team
- Neurovascular imaging for potential stroke clients (rapid access CT)
- tPA eligibility screening
- tPA administration
- Administering acute ASA therapy
- Formal criteria for identifying appropriate clients for referral to inpatient rehabilitation
- Swallowing ability assessment
- Initial assessment of rehabilitation needs
- Assessing and managing diabetes mellitus (when present)
- Pressure injury prevention
- Falls prevention
- Assessing and managing diabetes mellitus (when present)

Enhance client experience and improve outcomes

Mitigate risk and increase efficiency

Improve teamwork and communication



Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Staff:

1. Where can you find information on protocols?
2. What protocols do you use?