

## **Saskatchewan Stroke Expert Panel Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose & Scope**

The Saskatchewan Stroke Expert Panel is established to recommend strategies and provide advice to improve stroke care throughout the province.

### **Responsibilities**

The panel may carry out the following activities in pursuance with its advisory role:

#### Advising on System Improvement

- Identify areas of focus for system improvement
- Educate and advise stakeholders on the implementation of best-practices
- Identify resource requirements for optimum stroke care and provide input on strategies to address resource gaps

#### Review performance

- Review data and monitor progress towards established goals and objectives
- Communicate with stakeholders about performance metrics and importance of data collection and reporting
- Review and disseminate reports on the performance of the provincial health system against national benchmarks for stroke care

### **Membership**

Members of the panel will have medical, nursing and rehabilitation services expertise and/or program management responsibilities for stroke care. The panel will include representation from patients and from the Ministry of Health and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The panel will be co-chaired by a medical leader and a representative of the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Membership term will be 2 years, with the opportunity to renew.

### **Meetings and support**

The panel will typically meet twice a year. Organizational support, data analysis and reporting will be shared by the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Ministry of Health and the Health Quality Council.

### **Reporting and Representation**

The panel has a direct reporting relationship to the Saskatchewan Health Authority Neurosciences Council, which encompasses stroke care decision-makers in tertiary care and regional service areas. The SHA Director of Neurosciences will be an ex-officio member of the Saskatchewan Stroke Expert Panel.

The panel will provide information and recommendations to the Neurosciences Council and take direction from the Neurosciences Council for development of actionable strategies. Representatives of the panel may present to other provincial bodies that relate to the continuum of stroke care, as appropriate. Provincial stroke reporting compiled by the panel may be shared system-wide and with national partners.