



What is the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network?

The Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network (RCSN) is a registry compiled and maintained by the Canadian Stroke Network. The RCSN collects personal health information about the care and treatment of patients following a stroke for the purpose of improving stroke care.

The Canadian Stroke Network in respect of the RCSN is a **prescribed person** under section 39(1) (c) of Ontario's *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*. This permits the RCSN to collect and use personal health information without consent for purposes of facilitating or improving the provision of stroke care.

The personal health information collected includes:

- Characteristics of the stroke population, including gender, date of birth, marital status, ethnic origin, language, province and postal code of residence;
- Provincial Health Card and Medical Record numbers;
- Time intervals between stroke onset and the delivery of care;
- Stroke type, stroke risk factors, pre-existing medical conditions and stroke severity;
- Pre-hospital, emergency, acute inpatient, rehabilitation, secondary prevention, and telemedicine care such as brain imaging, blood tests, ultrasound tests, neurological assessments, interventions such as clot-busting treatments, administration of medications, discharge planning, and follow-up care in health-related clinics.

Who uses this personal health information and for what purpose?

Personal health information is used by the Canadian Stroke Network to facilitate or improve stroke care. It is used to provide relevant up-to-date information to healthcare providers about quality of care indicators; to determine the impact of certain factors on patient outcomes; and to evaluate the outcomes of patients after stroke.

The Canadian Stroke Network may use personal health information to answer some of the following questions:

- Are people aware of the symptoms of stroke?
- What treatments are patients receiving?
- What is the quality of health care for people with strokes?
- What factors lead to good outcomes and quality of life?
- What is the cost of treatment?

Our findings are used by hospitals, physicians, government decision-makers and others to improve health care for stroke patients.

For more information...

If you would like to learn more about the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network, please contact the Canadian Stroke Network's Privacy Officer at:

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The Canadian Stroke Network has a website where you can find information about the Canadian Stroke Network and you can follow the Registry's research activities.

Visit the Canadian Stroke Network website at:

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