

Communication to Participating Sites and Stakeholders

November 1, 2011

Subject: Migration of the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network (RCSN) to the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)

The *Prescribed Person* status of the RCSN will expire on October 31, 2011. Effective November 1, 2011, all activities, including collection of stroke data and data storage, will fall under the statutory authority of and become the responsibility of ICES.

Through this seamless transition, RCSN/ICES investigators and staff will continue to perform the same ongoing data collection under ICES' authority as a *Prescribed Entity* under Ontario's Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA). As a *Prescribed Entity*, ICES is authorized to collect and use personal health information for statistical and evaluative purposes related to health services research.

Going forward, the Ontario Stroke Network (OSN) will work in collaboration with ICES to oversee the collection of stroke data. In that way, we will continue to provide provincial leadership and planners with the "best evidence" to achieve best stroke practices and create innovations for stroke prevention, care, recovery and reintegration.

We look forward to our continued partnership and success.

Sincerely,



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