

Professional Education Atlas

The development of best practices at the national and provincial levels as well as development of the BC Provincial Stroke Action Plan has revitalized the need for a more organized, centralized and comprehensive approach to stroke education for health care providers. This is an important component of the stroke strategy directly contributing to evidence-based practice change in stroke prevention and management. Medical care across the stroke continuum is based upon awareness and understanding of the complexities of cerebrovascular disease, understanding of current best practices and translation to the practice setting. Below is a summary of educational initiatives available across Canada, BC health regions as well as on-line stroke resources and reference materials categorized by continuum of care.

Continuum of Care	Resource	Province / Format	Description	IP Address
Secondary Prevention	Stroke Prevention Best Practice Tool Kit	ONT	Designed to support implementation of the Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care for prevention. The tool kit provides members of the interprofessional health care team with the foundational knowledge required to care for patients who have recently had a stroke or TIA or have been identified as being at high risk. Includes an online CME module and other stroke prevention resources.	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pvl3leNWJwE/b.5346821/k.3B14/HCP_Stroke_Secondary_Prevention.htm
		Web; Online CME module		www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pvl3leNWJwE/b.5391893/k.4258/HCP_Stroke_Prevention_Resources.htm
	Stroke and Transient Ischemic Attack – Management and Prevention (April 2009)	BC	Developed by the BC Guidelines & Protocols Advisory Committee, this guideline focuses on the management and prevention to stroke and TIAs in adults in the ambulatory and in-patient settings.	www.bcguidelines.ca/gpac/guideline_stroke.html
		Print		
	GPAC Guideline on Stroke and TIA (January 2010)	BC	A recorded BCSS TeleLearning session featuring Dr. Philip Teal and Dr. Ron Warneboldt presenting on an overview of the GPAC guideline (CME accredited). Presentation slides also available.	www.youtube.com/bcstrokestrategy#g/c/6EA230F63E1EB819
		Video, slides		www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/Telelearning.html
	BC College of Family Physicians	BC	An online stroke and TIA e-learning module intended to assist physicians in learning to assess, grade and react to key symptoms of TIAs and to initiate management of strokes.	http://elearning.bccfp.bc.ca/
		Web-based e-learning module		
Understanding & Management of TIAs in BC	BC	A recorded BCSS TeleLearning session featuring Dr. Andrew Penn presenting on TIAs in BC. Presentation slides are available.	www.youtube.com/bcstrokestrategy#g/c/B96B707B5FF28CD9	
	Video, slides		www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/Telelearning.html	
TIA Awareness, Prevention and Treatment DVD	BC	Developed by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon in collaboration with the Fraser HA, this DVD is an excellent educational tool for use in clinical practice.	Call the foundation at 1-888-473-4636 for copies of the DVD or view online at www.heartandstroke.bc.ca/site/c.kp1PKXOyFmG/b.4850751/k.F290/Stroke_Transient_Ischemic_Attack_TIA_or_ministroke.htm	
	DVD			

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Secondary Prevention (continued)	Best Care Guide to Stroke Management in General Practice	AUS	Online modules including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIA and early assessment • Antiplatelet therapy for secondary stroke prevention • Preventing fatal and disabling stroke in patients with AF • Long-term recovery from stroke 	www.strokefoundation.com.au/stroke-management-gp
		Web		
Pre-Hospital	EMS Stroke Workshop	CSS	Comprehensive educational workshop package material for EMS care of suspected acute stroke patients. Provides detailed information and explanations related to core content reference guide for EMS assessment and management of suspected stroke patients. Includes case studies (76 slides in total). This is the second component	http://strokebestpractices.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CSS_EMS-Stroke-Wksp_FINAL.pdf
		Print, slides		
	Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for EMS Care of Acute Stroke Patients	CSS	Used to facilitate the uptake and implementation of best practice recommendation for EMS. Core content that should be integrated into all educational materials and reference materials for assessment of suspected stroke patients.	http://canadianstrokestrategy.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/CSS_EMSStrokeReference_final_en.pdf
		Print		
	Best practice guidelines for pre-hospital management of suspected stroke	ONT	Consists of an education program, an acute stroke protocol and detailed guidelines outlining the role of the paramedic in assessing, managing and transporting stroke patients. Developed by the HSF of Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/atf/cf/%7B33C6FA68-B56B-4760-ABC6-D85B2D02EE71%7D/Prehospital_Care%5B1%5D.pdf
		Print & web		
Stroke Prompt Card	ONT	Paramedic Prompt Card for acute stroke protocol used in Ontario	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/atf/cf/%7B33C6FA68-B56B-4760-ABC6-D85B2D02EE71%7D/paramedic_prompt_card_acute_stroke_protocol.pdf	
	Print			
Acute / Hyperacute	Emergency Management	ONT	Best practice guidelines and processes developed in Ontario to ensure that all individuals who are suspected of having a stroke are rapidly assessed.	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/atf/cf/%7B33C6FA68-B56B-4760-ABC6-D85B2D02EE71%7D/Emergency%2520Management%5B1%5D.pdf
		Print		
	Management of Dysphagia in Acute Stroke	ONT	Best practice guidelines for improving recognition and managing of dysphagia in acute stroke in Ontario. Includes a supplementary training module for swallowing screening teams.	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pvi3IeNWJwE/b.5385167/k.E9C7/HCP_Management_of_Dysphagia_in_Acute_Stroke.htm
		Print		

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Acute / Hyperacute (continued)	Acute Stroke Management	ONT	Program is designed to further develop best practice stroke care by providing materials to facilitate a four-hour workshop for clinicians working in emergency and acute care settings that manage acute stroke patients within the first 72 hours of stroke onset. Consists of packages for coordinators and speakers. Major components include anatomy and physiology of stroke; neurological assessment and Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Acute Stroke Management.	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pvl3leNWJwE/b.5346923/k.8D25/HCP_English.htm
		Web	Two case studies were developed to be used in small groups to assist with the integration of the workshop content into day-to-day clinical situations. A DVD demonstrating the neurological assessment is also available.	
	Canadian Neurological Scale (CNS)	ONT	A tool kit to facilitate a half-day CNS workshop that includes a package for the coordinator and speaker.	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pvl3leNWJwE/b.5385163/k.5CDC/HCP_Canadian_Neurological_Scale_CNS.htm
		Print		
	Guide to the Implementation of Stroke Unit Care	CSS	Supports the Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care in the acute care setting and inpatient rehabilitation. Useful in establishing new or enhancing stroke units to provide optimal services and processes of care for stroke patients.	http://strokebestpractices.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CSS-Stroke-Unit-Resource_EN-Final2-for-print.pdf
		Print		
	Demystifying tPA for Stroke Treatment	BC	A CME accredited BCSS TeleLearning session featuring Dr. Philip Teal on tPA. Although treatment of acute ischemic stroke by tPA has been shown to improve patient outcomes when administered within 4.5 hours of symptom onset, its use has sometimes been controversial. Dr. Teal addresses this misconception and shows that thrombolytic treatment can reduce the risk of disability and appears to act effectively and within safety tolerances in patients where its use is warranted.	www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/Telelearning.html
		Slides		
	Telestroke: Innovating Stroke Care	BC	A recorded and CME accredited BCSS TeleLearning session featuring Dr. Andrew Penn and Dr. Phil Teal presenting on the use of Telestroke. With Telestroke, hospitals without specialists can now be linked to regional stroke centres. Introduced in Canada in 2002, Telestroke is now a best practice in acute stroke care with prototypes in place on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Presentation slides also available.	www.youtube.com/user/bcstrokestrategy#g/c/EACAF94558B63DOE www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/Telelearning.html
		Video, slides		

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Acute / Hyperacute (continued)	Faast FAQs for Nurses	ONT	Provides evidence informed information and strategies on various aspects of assessment and management of stroke survivors. Targeted for nurses that review pertinent information on the recognition, preventions, management and recovery from stroke.	Order copies online at www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pvl3leNWJwE/b.5852913/k.AC4B/Order_Resources/apps/ka/ct/contactcustom.asp or call 1-888-473-4636.
		Print		
	Acute Stroke Nursing Education Needs Assessment (November 2010)	BC	Identifies current educational opportunities and available tools to nurses and current gaps in nursing stroke education.	www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/documents/10-12-02EDNeedsAssessment.pdf
		Print		
Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration	StrokEngine	Web	A web-based educational tool that focuses on the most current information on effectiveness of stroke rehab interventions currently available in Canada.	http://strokengine.ca/
	EBRSR: Evidence-Based Review of Stroke Rehabilitation	CAN	As a non-profit healthcare organization, Canadian Stroke Network researchers are continually updating and expanding the Evidence-based Review of Stroke Rehabilitation (EBRSR) , a resource that provides the most comprehensive and current review of stroke rehab research literature available anywhere in the world to facilitate best practices at the bedside and at home.	www.ebrsr.com/
		Web		
	Evidence-based Practice	ONT	A website developed by the School of Rehabilitation at the University of Ottawa that consists of using both the best scientific evidence available for clinical decision making and standardized tools used in measuring the services provided. The website contains a database of web-based evidence-based clinical practice guidelines from recent scientific publications.	http://fss.hs.uottawa.ca/EBCpg/english/
		Web		
	Stroke Strategy – Case Management Best Practices for Community Stroke Care	ONT	A partnership between the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and Best Practices at the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres .	http://contracts.oaccac.on.ca/bpp/strokestrategy/index.htm
		Web, Print	Resources provided to help health care professionals provide best practices stroke care in the community. Also includes additional stroke tools that can be printed out and used for stroke care.	http://contracts.oaccac.on.ca/bpp/strokestrategy/pages/resources.htm
	Service Delivery Framework and Addendum	BC	A framework for stroke rehab and reintegration service delivery in BC designed to assist in future allocation of resources in a continuous sequence of care for stroke survivors from event to living post-stroke.	www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/documents/ServiceDeliveryFramework.pdf
Print		www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/documents/ServiceDeliveryFrameworkAddendum.pdf		

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Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration (continued)	BC Stroke Rehabilitation & Reintegration Service Delivery Framework: An overview (June 2010)	BC	A recorded presentation by Dr. Jennifer Yao on the service delivery framework (presentation slides also available).	www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=B3116E5D3C61F9B2
		Video, slides		www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/Telelearning.html
	Stroke Rehabilitation Resource Guide	Web	A "one-stop shop" on rehab resources in a user-friendly website.	http://cesnstroke.ca/documents/HSF_Rehab_Guidelines.pdf
Management of Stroke Rehabilitation		USA	Guideline describes critical decision points in the management of stroke rehabilitation and provides clear and comprehensive evidence based recommendations incorporating current information and practices for practitioners throughout the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs health care systems. The guideline is intended to improve patient outcomes and local management of patients who have suffered a stroke. Includes three algorithms (assessment, inpatient rehab and community-based rehab). Summary document also provided.	www.healthquality.va.gov/Management_of_Stroke_Rehabilitation.asp
		Web		www.healthquality.va.gov/stroke/str_sum_220.pdf
GENERAL - Nursing	Stroke Nursing Training Modules	CSN Web-based interactive modules	Workshop modules that facilitate nurses' acquisition of knowledge related to evidence informed practice. Also prepare nurses to assume a leadership role in the management of interdisciplinary patient care. There are four interactive modules addressing a component of the stroke care continuum: prevention of stroke, hyperacute stroke management, acute inpatient stroke care, stroke rehabilitation and community reintegration. Each module contains a slide deck, a facilitator's guide and a participant workbook. Each of these modules can be used independently or combined with the other modules. Each module requires about 3.5 hours to complete. To further support knowledge translation, 2 additional modules have been developed: Stroke 101 and Stroke Reverse Jeopardy. Stroke 101 provides a basic overview of stroke pathophysiology and Stroke Reverse Jeopardy can be used to facilitate knowledge transfer.	www.canadianstrokenetwork.ca/index.php/tools/stroke-nursing-training-modules/

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GENERAL – Nursing (continued)	Nursing Best Practice Guideline: Nursing Management of Hypertension	Print and web	This guideline contains recommendations for Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses on best nursing practices in the care of adults with hypertension. It is intended for nurses who are not necessarily experts in management of hypertension, who work in a variety of practice settings, including both primary care and secondary prevention. Online course also available as well as related downloadable files.	www.rnao.org/Page.asp?PageID=924&ContentID=808
	Stroke Assessment Across the Continuum of Care	Web	This best practice guideline focuses on assisting nurses working in diverse practice settings in the assessment and/or screening of stroke survivors. The goal of this document is to provide nurses with evidence-based recommendations regarding the assessment and/or screening of stroke survivors across the continuum of care.	www.rnao.org/Page.asp?PageID=924&ContentID=820
	Canadian Association Schools of Nursing	Web	A voluntary association that provides a national voice for nursing education, research, and scholarship and represents baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in Canada. CASN is also expanding its database of Canada's nursing education programs.	www.casn.ca/en/
	Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses	Web	CANN sets standards of practice and promotes continuing professional education and research. Members collaborate with individuals, families, interdisciplinary teams and communities to prevent illness and to improve health outcomes for people with, or at risk for, neurological disorders.	www.cann.ca/
	American Association of Neuroscience Nurses	Web	Founded in 1968, AANN is committed to working toward the highest standard of care for neuroscience patients by advancing the science and practice of neuroscience nursing by providing education, setting standards of practice and advocating on behalf of nurses, families and patients.	www.aann.org/
GENERAL – Canadian Associations	Canadian Stroke Network	CAN	The Canadian Stroke Network is a not-for-profit corporation, governed by a board of directors and headquartered at the University of Ottawa. It is a collaboration of researchers, students, government, industry and the non-profit sector. At present, the Network has more than 100 researchers at 24 universities across the country.	www.canadianstrokenetwork.ca/
		Web		

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GENERAL – Canadian Associations (continued)	Canadian Stroke Network (continued)		<p>The CSN, in partnership with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, is also responsible for the production of Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care 2006, as part of the Canadian Stroke Strategy.</p> <p>The CSN co-sponsors the National Stroke Rehabilitation Conference, and many other meetings, workshops and public lectures to enhance training and to disseminate the latest research findings on stroke.</p> <p>Each year the CSN works in partnership with the Canadian Stroke Consortium to host the National Stroke Conference. This annual conference brings together more than 150 emergency doctors, internists and neurologists to coordinate stroke care.</p> <p>CSN was instrumental in creating the National Stroke Nursing Council in 2005, which brings together stroke nurses across Canada to enhance education training and professional development. Stroke Nursing News is the monthly publication disseminated and funded by the Network.</p>	
	Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care 2010 Update 2008 Update 2006	CAN	CSS is a joint initiative of the Canadian Stroke Network and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada whose mandate was to support an integrated approach to stroke prevention, treatment and rehabilitation in every province and territory by 2010. The CSS first issued evidence-based recommendations in 2006 and update them every two years. The recommendations are intended to help reduce practice variations and close the gaps between evidence and practice.	www.strokebestpractices.ca/index.php/resources/
Web	Its best practices recommendations was recently updated and can be found in an easy-to-search and smart-phone friendly website that includes resources to improve stroke and emergency services, measure their effectiveness and includes a patient's guide to optimal stroke care.			

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GENERAL – Canadian Associations (continued)	Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care: 2008 Toolkit	CAN	A resource to help regions/strategies to introduce the Best Practice Recommendations and educate staff about the recommendations. The package is made up of seven PowerPoint presentations for each module as outlined in the document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Overview of the Canadian Stroke Strategy • Public Awareness and Patient Education • Prevention of Stroke • Hyperacute Stroke Management • Acute Inpatient Stroke Care • Stroke Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration • Selected Topics in Stroke Management. 	www.heartandstroke.on.ca/site/c.pv13leNWJwE/b.5398033/k.2C15/Canadian_Best_Practices_Workshop.htm	
		Web	The package includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint presentations with speaker notes • Instructions for speakers and facilitators • Gap Analysis Tool for each module. 		
	Canadian Best Practices Guidelines for Stroke Care 2008 – An Overview (October 2009)	BC	Slides	A BCSS TeleLearning session featuring Dr. Patty Lindsay from the Canadian Stroke Network presenting on the Canadian Best Practices Recommendations for Stroke Care 2008.	www.bcstrokestrategy.ca/Telelearning.html
	Canadian Stroke Consortium	CAN	Web	The consortium is non-profit academic alliance committed to the pursuit of anti-stroke therapies by designing / conducting research projects and clinical trials together with the pharmaceutical industry.	www.strokeconsortium.ca/index.html
	Stroke Rounds	ALTA	Print & Web	A partnership between the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, the University of Calgary and the Calgary Health Region, the educational objective of Stroke Rounds is to provide interested physicians throughout Canada and around the world with a relevant perspective on the most current scientific and clinical developments related to stroke management.	www.strokerounds.ca/cgi-bin/templates/body/accueil.cfm?displaySectionID=117
	Ontario Telemedicine Network	ONT	Web	One of the largest telemedicine networks in the world, OTN enables teaching and learning at a distance via videoconferencing and webcasting. OTN connects learners to academic centres and other education providers. More than 350,000 health care professionals participate in OTN-facilitated education each year.	www.otn.ca/en/members-network-partners/distance-education/

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GENERAL – Canadian Associations (continued)	Stroke Prevention Card	CAN	This Stroke Prevention Card was developed as a risk stratification tool in collaboration with Boeringer, Heart and Stroke Foundation and Canadian Stroke Network to assist practitioners in management of patients at high risk of recurrent stroke.	www.champlainstrokecentre.org/images/stories/prevention/stroke_prevention_en.pdf Downloadable pdf documents or order copies by emailing csor@hsf.on.ca or calling (416) 489-7111 ext. 389. Use the following product codes: PE-CARD106-F07 (English) (pdf) and PE-CARD206-F07 (French) (pdf).
		Web		
GENERAL - Other Provincial Stroke Strategies	Alberta Provincial Stroke Strategy	ALTA	The Health Care Provider Education Initiative is provided by the APSS and includes telehealth presentations, learning modules, regional educators and professional education resources.	www.strokestrategy.ab.ca/health-care-providers-ed.html
		Web, learning modules, telehealth		
	Ontario Stroke System	ONT	Professional education atlas highlighting available professional education resources.	www.strokestrategyseo.ca/public/pdf_docs/Ontario%20Prof%20Ed%20Atlas%20September%202007.pdf
	Southwestern Ontario Regional Stroke Strategy	ONT	Provides information to health care providers through the use of a calendar of upcoming educational opportunities. A list of online resources has also been developed.	www.swostroke.ca/show_record.php?load_record=1&record_id=28
		Web		
Central East Stroke Network Stroke Strategy of Southeastern Ontario	ONT	Provides healthcare providers with scientific stroke-related information, best practice guidelines, educational programs and other contacts and resources. Includes resources, links, webcast presentations, event calendar, health information resource catalogue and e-learning.	http://cesnstroke.ca/?page_id=391 www.strokestrategyseo.ca/profedcalendar	
	Web, webcast presentations, e-learning			The network's professional education site about evidence-based stroke practices is for all professionals and includes upcoming educational events, presentations, downloadable videos for front line healthcare staff that range from 13 to 27 minutes in length, patient and physician resources. Its Regional Stroke Education Plan is developed each fiscal year (April 1- March 31) based on the needs identified across the region.

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GENERAL - Other Provincial Stroke Strategies (continued)	Northeastern Ontario Stroke Network	ONT	Includes an online stroke resource / education library for stroke care providers called EVERTHING STROKE...at your fingertips; discussion forums for stroke nurses and rehabilitation; a calendar of upcoming events / conferences; videoconference / presentation handouts; and access to a Health Sciences Library with a full range of services and resources.	www.neostrokestrategy.com/newportal/ForProfessionals/tabid/63/Default.aspx
		Web, v/c handouts		
GENERAL - Indicators	Core Performance Indicator Update 2010	CSS	Includes tables on core indicators, and case definitions for stroke and inpatient rehabilitation services.	http://strokebestpractices.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Stroke_Core_ENG.pdf
		Print		
	Performance Measurement Manual	CSS	Manual provides a framework for monitoring and evaluating stroke in Canada. Provides standardization and consistency for calculating performance measures.	http://strokebestpractices.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CSS-Performance-Manual-2008_EN.pdf
GENERAL – International Associations	European Stroke Organization	EUR	<p>A Paneuropean society of stroke researchers, national and regional stroke societies and organizations founded in December 2007. The ESO provides a virtual stroke university where medical professionals can obtain information on latest developments. The ESO virtual symposia feature audio recordings synchronised with full screen slides. Visitors can follow the slides exactly as they were presented at the meeting, while watching and listening to the speaker. The lectures were recorded at different international stroke conferences, sponsored by ESO, and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical trials/research • Epidemiology • Etiology of stroke • Imaging and diagnosis • Clinical manifestations of stroke • Risk factors and prevention • Acute stroke management • Thrombolysis • Neuroprotection • Rehabilitation • Invasive interventions and stroke • Complications and vascular dementia 	www.eso-stroke.org/index.php?cid=0 www.stroke-university.com/
		Web, audio recordings of lectures and slides		

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GENERAL – International Associations (continued)	American Stroke Association	USA	American Stroke Association is a consumer site and a division of the American Heart Association. It provides education and information regarding the warning signs of a stroke, reducing the risk of a stroke, and coping with life after a stroke. There is a link for health care professionals as well as a comprehensive Heart and Stroke Encyclopedia including an online or mobile NIH stroke scale training.	www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/
		Web, Online training		www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/Professionals/Professionals_UCM_308581_SubHomePage.jsp
	National Stroke Association	USA	Like the American Stroke Association, the National Stroke Association works through community outreach programs and develops education and programs focused on prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and support.	www.stroke.org/site/PageNavigator/HOME
		Web		
	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke	USA	NINDS is a part of the US National Institutes of Health and conducts and funds research on the fundamental biology of the brain and nervous system, genetics, neurodegeneration, learning and memory, motor control, brain repair, and synapses. NINDS has established two major branches for research. Most of its over US\$1.5 billion budget goes to research extramural research. It also funds clinical research related to diseases and disorders of the brain and nervous system, e.g. AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, stroke, and traumatic brain injury.	www.ninds.nih.gov/
		Web		
	Montana Stroke Foundation	USA	The Montana Stroke Initiative is collaboration between the Montana Department of Public Health, Cardiovascular Health Program, American Stroke Association and physicians, nurses, EMS personnel and hospital administrators throughout the State. The foundation provides stroke education to physicians, primary providers, nurses and EMS providers. Site includes links, slides and important documents.	www.montanastroke.org
		Web, slides		www.montanastroke.org/Education.htm
	Brain Attack Coalition	USA	The coalition is a group of professional, voluntary and governmental entities dedicated to reducing the occurrence, disabilities and death associated with stroke. Its goal is to strengthen and promote the relationships among its member organizations in order to help stroke patients or those who are at risk for a stroke. Professional resources include Guidelines and Orders for systems development for acute stroke care (including stroke team or stroke center development), and Pathways for the rapid diagnosis and treatment (both immediate and long-term) of acute stroke.	www.stroke-site.org/
		Web		

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GENERAL – International Associations (continued)	The Stroke Association	UK	The Stroke Association in the UK has been working with professionals across health and social services for the past 20 years. During that time a lack of comprehensible, accessible and well researched information on stroke was identified. This section of the website was developed to act as a source of up to date information and resources for professionals working in stroke.	www.stroke.org.uk/professionals/information_and_resources/index.html
		Web		
GENERAL - Health Authorities	Office of Continuing Professional Development for Physicians	VIHA	Supports continuing medical education, professional development and knowledge translation for physicians in VIHA. The office works with program medical directors, community coordinators and others to provide this support. The office maintains a calendar of CME activities on the island. The CME calendar lists four types of events: general Rounds, QI Rounds, Journal Clubs and Meetings. There are monthly stroke rounds from 12 noon to 1:30 pm by videoconference plus up-Island videolinks.	www.viha.ca/cpd
	Northern Continuing Medical Education Program	NHA	Developed to assist physicians to remain current relevant to the practice of medicine in northern BC. The program’s goal is to increase availability of learning opportunities across the north while creating new institutional alliances and business partnerships.	www.ncme.ca/searchable-databases.html