

## New Stroke Data Field in DAD CIHI Special Project 740: AlphaFIM®

### Background

- The AlphaFIM® Instrument (FIM = Functional Independence Measure) is a standardized measure completed in acute care for the purposes of quantifying the functional impact of stroke and is critical to standardizing eligibility and access to stroke rehabilitation services.
- Completion of the AlphaFIM® is recommended in the Quality Based Procedures (QBP): Clinical Handbook for Stroke (2013) to inform discharge decision-making and align services to patient needs.
- Many Ontario hospitals are completing the AlphaFIM®, however, there has been no reliable mechanism to collect and compare this patient data provincially. As such, a new special project field in the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD) for AlphaFIM® data collection has been created.

As of April 1, 2014 Special Project 740 for the collection of AlphaFIM® data will be mandatory for all acute stroke admissions in Ontario.

### Project Overview

**Inclusion Criteria:** All patients with ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke (ICD10-CA codes: I60, I61, I63, I64, H34.1)

**Exclusion Criteria:** TIAs and other subarachnoid hemorrhages and venous thrombosis (ICD10-CA codes G45.5, I60.8, I63.6)

**Project Data:** the following will be collected:

- AlphaFIM® Completed Y/N
- AlphaFIM® Completion Date
- Projected FIM® -13 Raw Motor Rating
- Projected FIM® - 5 Raw Cognitive Rating

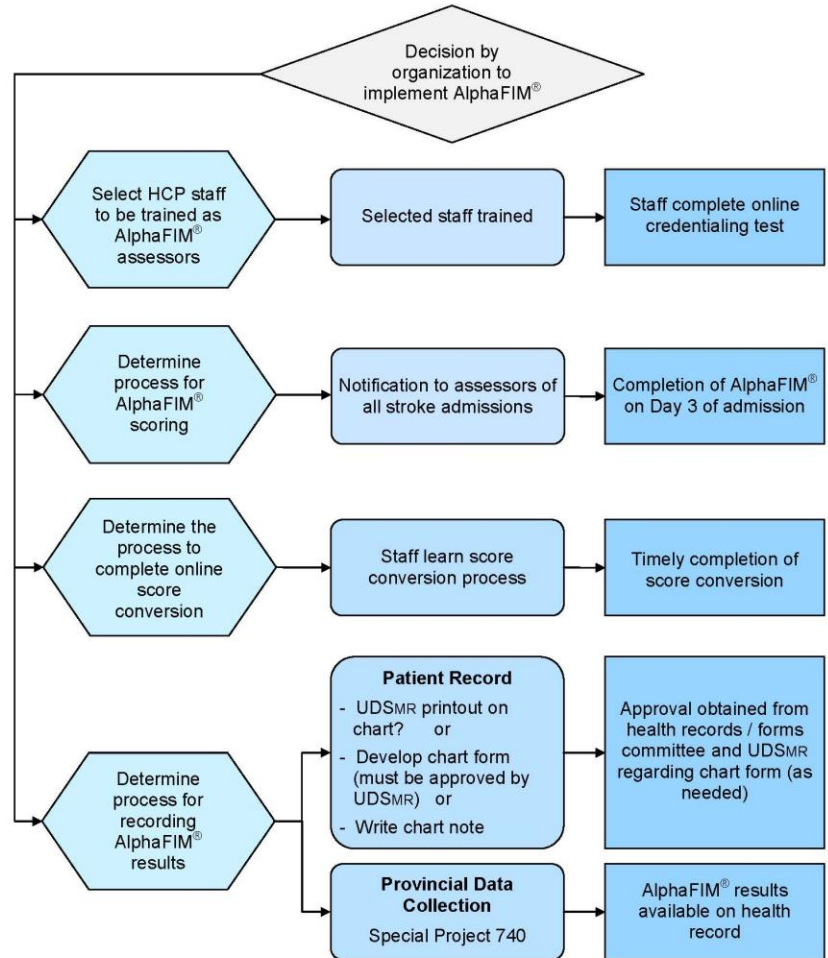
If your organization has not yet implemented the AlphaFIM® on stroke patients, the flow chart below illustrates basic steps needed to support this process (see page 2).

Before embarking on this process, your organization should consider whether stroke volumes are sufficient to warrant and sustain the AlphaFIM® process. Stroke units are the best place to administer the AlphaFIM® in order to ensure a critical mass to maintain AlphaFIM® expertise. Organizations with low stroke volumes and without a stroke unit may wish to address sustainability issues.

The Stroke Network in your region currently administers the regional licence for AlphaFIM®. The per person fee associated with credentialing is \$35 and requires renewal every 2 years.

### Overview of Steps to AlphaFIM® Implementation

**Feedback from health care professionals (HCPs) indicated that scoring a minimum of two patients per month was necessary to maintain competency as a certified AlphaFIM® assessor.**



Please contact the Ontario Stroke Network for more information on implementing the AlphaFIM® for acute stroke admissions at your organization:

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