

**PILOT PHASE OF OSN'S PROVINCIAL INTERPROFESSIONAL STROKE CORE
COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can the core competency framework be used by professionals working with stroke at any point along the continuum of care?

A: Yes, the core competencies framework can be used by healthcare professionals working with stroke at any point along the continuum of care (i.e. hyperacute, acute, rehabilitation, community).

Q: Some of the resources appear to be quite lengthy. Is it necessary to review all of the listed resources to acquire the competency?

A: It is anticipated that each individual will be able to select the resources needed in order to meet their identified learning needs. Some of the more lengthy resources were included with the intention of being used as reference documents. These reference documents are not necessarily meant to be read in their entirety but may be used to supplement the individual's learning needs.

Q: How much time should be spent on each competency?

A: We anticipate that this will vary. Feedback thus far has indicated that using the rating scale to identify gaps takes about 30 minutes. When we initially piloted the framework it was recommended that participants identify 3 competencies to work on during the 4 month period. This being said, some participants were able to complete more and some less during the pilot.

Q: Will there be compensation for completing my chosen competencies?

A: This provincial initiative is unable to offer compensation for your time. However, this is an opportunity to build on your stroke education at no cost and to use these competencies to improve team processes and stroke specific skills. We encourage individuals to use the competency framework to support any existing or upcoming initiatives already planned by your team.

Q: Will I require access to IT services to access the framework?

A: The competency framework is available on the Ontario Stroke Network website and can be easily accessed by healthcare professionals. No additional software is needed to utilize the framework.

Q: What if members of my team are not one of the 6 disciplines for which there are competency templates? Can they still use the framework?

A: We recognize that there are other disciplines that provide stroke care but are not yet included in the framework. There may be opportunity to add more disciplines to the framework in the future. This being said, anyone who wishes to review the frameworks can access them on the Ontario Stroke Network's website.

Q: I have noticed that some of the resources listed cost money. Am I required to purchase these? Why are these resources included?

A: Yes, it is true that some of the resources listed cannot be accessed without a license/purchase. These are not mandatory resources. They have been included in the framework because they were identified as valuable resources that some organizations do make available to their employees.