

A Qualitative Study of Person and Family Centered Care across the Stroke Care Continuum

Location: Across Canada

Number of participants: <100

Description: Researchers are looking to explore people with stroke (PWS), caregivers', and health care professionals' and administrators' perspectives and preferences for person- and family-centered care (PFCC) across the care continuum. A qualitative descriptive method will be used to elicit the perspectives and preferences of PWS and caregivers for PFCC across the care continuum. Interviews will be recorded using Microsoft Teams or telephone. Data will be analyzed using reflexive thematic and framework analysis.

This research will meaningfully contribute to the scientific literature and Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations by enhancing our understanding of patient, caregiver, and health care professional and administrator preferences for PFCC across the care continuum.

Language: English and French. Accommodations may be available for other languages as well.

Eligibility: Researchers are looking for:

- people with stroke (PWS)
- Caregivers
- health care professionals providing care to PWS in acute care hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, and community care environments
- health care administrators responsible for stroke programs in acute care hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, and community care organizations

PWS must have been diagnosed with an ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke within the past 6-12 months, have completed inpatient care, and be residing currently at home (their own or that of a family member).

Caregivers are defined as family members or friends who assist with at least one basic (e.g., dressing, toileting) or instrumental (e.g., banking, grocery shopping) activity of daily living, at a frequency of at least once per week for a duration of at least 6-12 months.

To be eligible to participate in this study, health care professionals must spend approximately 50% of their time involved in the care of PWS. Researchers are looking to recruit rehabilitation professionals (e.g., occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech language pathologists), dietitians, nurses, social workers, and doctors (e.g., neurologists, physiatrists, family physicians).

Participant requirements: If participants are interested, the next steps would be for the research team to:

- Confirm eligibility
- If eligible, send an informed consent letter via email or letter, and
- Schedule an interview. Review the information in the consent form with the participant by phone before conducting the interview which will take 5-10 minutes.

- Participants will take part in a phone or online interview lasting about 45-60 minutes. The interview will entail the collection of demographic information followed by the interview questions.

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