

Purpose / Objectives

- Develop and implement a best practice patient pathway for the stroke patient journey on the West Coast including
 - Comprehensive and specialist assessment supported by an effective acute and rehabilitation service.
 - Efficient use of available resources and collaboration with community providers to enable rehabilitation to occur or continue in the community where possible.
 - Support for awareness and education around stroke and prevention of stroke for the public and providers.
- Develop the patient pathway to a level of detail which assists to identify opportunities for service improvements enhancing the quality of service provision.
- Facilitate a forum for better understanding of the stroke patient pathway, and any barriers or constraints to service provision.

Scope of Exercise

- The scope includes all points on the pathway from the time the patient seeks care until the time when the care is completed.
- Development of an audit tool for the pathway.

Inclusions

- Patients with minimal co-morbidities presenting with stroke / TIA at ED or referred by GPs/DNs, who require admission / assessment / rehabilitation.
- TIAs.

Exclusions

- Patients with significant co-morbidities or chronic conditions that require intensive treatment and/or convalescent care with potential for rehabilitation.
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Stakeholders

General Manager Secondary Health Services
 General Manager Community and Primary Health
 General Manager Maori Health
 Nurse Manager Clinical Services
 Manager Diagnostic and Support Services
 Nurse Manager Community / PHC
 Clinical Nurse Manager Hannan Ward / AT&R
 Clinical Nurse Manager Morice Ward / CCU
 Clinical Nurse Manager Outpatients / A&E
 Physicians and ED MOSS
 Occupational Therapy
 Physiotherapy
 Speech Language Therapy
 Dietician
 Social Work
 AT&R Nurse Specialist
 Radiology
 Pharmacy
 Project Manager Carelink
 Care of Elderly Co-ordinator
 Rest Homes
 GPs and Practice Nurses
 Rural Nurse Specialists
 St John Ambulance
 West Coast PHO
 Patients and family/whanau