

December 2, 2008

Dear Colleague:

Re: Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care

The Canadian Stroke Strategy is pleased to announce the release of the 2008 update of the *Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care*. This information will be of interest to front-line staff caring for stroke patients, program leaders, administrators, planners and funders. It is available on the web site of the Canadian Medical Association Journal at [www.cmaj.ca](http://www.cmaj.ca), December 2, 2008, volume 179 (12).

On behalf of the Canadian Stroke Strategy, we thank you most sincerely for your support and contribution to this important work.

Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability in Canada. By closing the gap between what we know and what we do, we can reduce the burden of stroke on patients, families, the health care system and the economy. The *Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care* reflect the continuum of care, are based on current research evidence and expert opinion, and are respected nationally and internationally. Each Recommendation statement is accompanied by a rationale, system implications, performance measures and a summary of supporting evidence.

To complement and support the use of the *Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care*, the Canadian Stroke Strategy has developed a Performance Measurement Manual which is available at [www.canadianstrokestrategy.ca](http://www.canadianstrokestrategy.ca). Related professional development tools and educational materials to support the implementation of the *Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care* are available at <http://profed.heartandstroke.ca>.

We respectfully request that you share this notice with your colleagues and associates who have a role in reducing the burden of stroke in Canada.

Yours truly,



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