

Notice to Manitoba Physicians, Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners

Stroke Prevention Clinics Available For Urgent Referrals

We encourage physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to refer patients with a TIA, or with a new stroke but having made a good recovery, to our Stroke Prevention Clinics.

Referral information should be faxed to ONLY ONE of the following clinics:

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| Health Sciences Centre | Fax (204) 787-3808 |
| St. Boniface General Hospital | Fax (204) 233-3285 |
| Brandon Regional Health Centre - Brandon | Fax (204) 578-4956 |
| Thompson Hospital - Thompson | Fax (204) 787-3808 "Triaged by HSC" |

All patients throughout the province will be seen as soon as possible.

The stroke nurse-clinicians/case managers are:

HSC

Audrey Gousseau, RN Phone (204) 787-1121 Pager (204) 931-5015 (Weekdays only)

SBGH

Elizabeth Dugas, RN Phone (204) 235-3303 Pager (204) 932-6965 (Weekdays only)

Brandon

Sherry Loewen, RN Phone (204) 578-2165 Pager (204) 571-8708 (Weekdays only)

Patients with a reliable history of weakness, speech problems or severe vertigo, especially if symptoms have lasted more than 10 minutes even if there are no risk factors known, should urgently be referred.

As soon as referrals are received, they are triaged appropriately according to the history submitted. Urgent investigations may possibly include carotid ultrasound, CT/CTA/MRI/MRA echo or Holter monitor. The objective is to assess and investigate the patient urgently. We are cooperating with our neurosurgical and vascular surgery colleagues to arrange urgent carotid endarterectomy when appropriate.

All referrals are triaged by Stroke Prevention Clinic staff. **Your patient may be seen at any of the four clinics. Please fax your referral to only ONE location.**

Please note that patients needing urgent assessment (often those presenting at night or on the weekends) should be sent to the Emergency Department.

