

Patients with Complex Needs Initiative: Hemodialysis

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Pilot Project for Hemodialysis Patients at the Bridgepoint Site of the Sinai Health System

Pilot Project:

A pilot project at the Bridgepoint site of the Sinai Health System, in partnership with Scarborough and Rouge Hospital, has been developed to further support rehab patients requiring hemodialysis (HD) services in Toronto. This pilot involves the opening of 2 additional HD spots that are dedicated to rehab patients (including stroke rehab).

This pilot will support the needs of our stakeholders by:

- Building capacity within the system to accommodate on-site dialysis services for stroke patients requiring inpatient rehab;
- Enhancing seamless care and positive patient experiences – on-site HD services will decrease patient travel time, ensure patients are able to fully participate in a stroke rehab program, and provide 24/7 access to both HD and stroke expertise;
- Tracking capacity and need for additional resources, as well as factors that impact the length of stay in acute care including rehab bed and dialysis availability, and number of days from referral to admission.

Processes for referral to pilot:

The Toronto Stroke Networks (TSNs) encourages all sites (acute stroke units and renal units) to:

- **Use the E-Stroke Rehab Referral Form for all patients requiring hemodialysis AND inpatient stroke rehab;**
- **Apply to Bridgepoint site of the Sinai Health System inpatient stroke rehab program and select the Hemodialysis or Peritoneal Dialysis checkbox under the Special Needs section of the E-Stroke referral form.** Note: A bed offer will be contingent on the patient meeting the requirements for inpatient stroke rehab and bed availability for both rehab bed and HD spot;
- **Contact the intake coordinator (416-461-8252 x2298) once the application is approved to confirm additional requirements for dialysis prior to patient transfer** (e.g., most recent VRE/MRSA/HIV/Hep B/Hep C screening tests or reports, etc.).