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Dear MD/NP Primary Care Providers and E.D. Physicians:

The Northwestern Ontario Regional Stroke Network located at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) is aligning the triage of patients with possible Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) and Mild Non-Disabling Stroke (MNDS) with the 2014 Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations. A new referral form and algorithm was developed to reflect these changes. This algorithm is designed to guide the community Primary Care Provider and Emergency Department physician to determine stroke risk and a plan of action, based on presenting symptoms and time of occurrence. Our goal is to ensure that patients receive *the right care at the right time in the right place*. In addition, there is a research component that will evaluate the efficacy and efficiency of the new TIA/MNDS Triage Toolkit in Northwestern Ontario.



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Attached is a TIA Triage Toolkit that includes:

- TBRHSC Stroke Prevention Clinic Referral Form for Northwestern Ontario. On the reverse is the Northwestern Ontario TIA and MNDS Stroke TRIAGE algorithm to reflect the new triage criteria.
- A pocket card entitled "Taking Action in Stroke Prevention: A QUICK RESPONSE GUIDE"
- Stroke Prevention Clinic: Information for Patients and Families.

For more information on triaging TIA and Mild Non-Disabling Stroke go to the Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations at:

<http://www.strokebestpractices.ca/index.php/prevention-of-stroke/>

We value your input. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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