

## **Email for Clinician Recruitment**

**Subject:** McGill University Research Study on Stroke Management in Canada

Dear member of the Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists,

We invite you to participate in a Canada-wide survey on rehabilitation practices in the management of stroke. This study is part of a Professional Master' Research project at McGill University and has received ethical approval by the Ethics Review Board Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal.

### **Goal of the Research Project**

The purpose of this study is to investigate how clinicians promote community reintegration following a stroke during the outpatient and/or community rehabilitation phase of recovery.

### **Nature of Participation**

By clicking on the link below, you will be able to choose your preferred language, English or French, to complete the survey. The first few questions will confirm your eligibility to participate and will obtain your consent. Then, you will be directed to a demographic questionnaire. We ask that you perform this survey on your own without discussing study questions or answers with colleagues to ensure the validity of the results.

**Survey Link (English version):** <https://surveys.mcgill.ca/ls/551465?lang=en>

**Survey Link (French version):** <https://surveys.mcgill.ca/ls/551465?lang=fr>

### **Duration/Time Commitment**

The survey should take you about 20-30 minutes to complete and may be done at your convenience. Once you start the survey you must complete it in one session, otherwise your answers will not be saved. The survey will be available between June 15th 2018 – August 6th 2018, although we encourage you to complete it as soon as possible.

### **Participant Eligibility**

You are eligible to participate in this study if you meet **all** of the following inclusion criteria:

1. You have been working for at least 6 months
2. You have experience in treating individuals who have suffered stroke
3. You are a licensed member of a professional order
4. You are a licensed occupational therapist, physical therapist, or psychologist.
5. You work in a public or private outpatient or community rehabilitation setting

### **Benefits to Participation**

Participating in this study does not provide immediate personal benefits, however, this study is part of a knowledge translation project seeking to promote best practice in stroke management that is client centered and evidenced based. As such, your participation will promote the advancement of clinical practice. If interested, at the end of the survey you will have the opportunity to select if you would like to receive the results of the study and general recommendations for stroke clinical practice following completion of this project.

**Confidentiality**

There will be no unique identifiers used (i.e. names, email addresses, etc.) that could link your identity to any of the information that you will provide. The questionnaire responses will be transcribed and coded by the research team and will follow proper ethical guidelines to guarantee anonymity and confidentiality. Only aggregate data will be presented.

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