



THE REPATRIATION PROCESS

Repatriation means that you will be transferred to the appropriate unit in a hospital near your home. This process was designed to ensure that other people who may need the specialized services from the Regional Stroke Centres can also receive it.

WHY AM I AT A REGIONAL STROKE CENTRE?

Toronto paramedics assessed you and determined you may be in the early stages of having a stroke.

You have been brought to the nearest Regional Stroke Centre (Toronto Western, St. Michael's or Sunnybrook Hospital) for further assessment.

This is called the medical redirect process and it was designed to ensure that those who require time-sensitive services from a Regional Stroke Centre can receive it.

Your home hospital will ensure you have the right level of care and services you need. They can provide further assessments, care and rehabilitation or discharge you to a place that is best for you.

If the RSC is your home hospital, you will remain at the hospital.



MEDICAL REDIRECT FOR STROKE AND THE REPATRIATION PROCESS



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WHAT IS A REGIONAL STROKE CENTRE?

A Regional Stroke Centre (RSC) is an acute care hospital where you can get 24 hour stroke treatment. These centres specialize in urgent stroke care and have equipment and treatment options that other hospitals may not have.

You will undergo tests to determine if you have had a stroke. These tests could include brain scans and bloodwork.

WHAT IF I AM HAVING A STROKE?

TREATMENT PROVIDED AT THE REGIONAL STROKE CENTRES

If you are having a stroke, the stroke team will determine the best option for treatment depending on your type of stroke.



Options include:

- a clot busting medication called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA)
- other specialized treatments or interventions

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you **do not** require any specialized stroke services from the RSC, you will be transferred to a hospital nearest your home that has a stroke unit to continue your care.

If you **do** require treatment at the RSC, you will remain at the RSC for your treatment. After that you may be transferred to a hospital nearest your home that has a stroke unit to continue your care.

This is called repatriation.

WHAT IF I AM NOT HAVING A STROKE?

If your care team determines you are not having a stroke, you will be transferred to your home hospital to continue care, if required.

This is also called repatriation.