

# Practice Update

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<b>Audience:</b>	Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Region – Paramedics, PCCP and CliniCall
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Fraser Stoke Clinical Pathway – Direct to Royal Columbian Hospital CT</b>
<b>What's New?</b>	<p>Fraser Health and BCEHS have partnered to ensure patients in the region receive the best care possible when presenting with a FAST+ stroke.</p> <p>Phase 1 will be going live on <b>Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup></b> with later phases coming throughout the next 6 months.</p> <p>In Phase 1, patients who would normally be taken to Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH) with a FAST+ Stroke can now be transported directly to the CT Scanner at Royal Columbian Hospital (RCH).</p>
<b>Why?</b>	<p>To align with the best practice recommended by Strokes Services BC, benefit has been shown that early identification and intervention of confirmed strokes have improved outcomes. By transporting direct to RCH, the time taken to reach definitive care can be reduced.</p>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<p>Should you attend a FAST+ stroke patient who would have previously been transported to SMH, you are now able to transport directly to RCH by utilizing the Stroke Clinical Pathway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• En-route notify the receiving hospital with your ETA and park at the ED.</li><li>• On arrival at the ED, you will be directed to the CT scanner where the patient will be handed over.</li><li>• After handover, complete and finalize documentation (No requirement to print due to Siren Notice Board) then clear.</li></ul> <p>Patient Care delivery will be undertaking analysis on the handover and turnaround times on a regular basis. Should you be requested to stay whilst the patient is in the CT scanner, please inform the off car Unit Chief or local leadership.</p>

**What additional resources are available?**

The new clinical pathway is available in the BCEHS Handbook under the Destination (Clinical Pathways) section for the Fraser Region.

If you are unsure of the patients presentation or if you are able to transport from the area you are in please contact CliniCall.

**Who do I contact if I have questions?**

For more information about this change please contact your Paramedic Practice Educator, Regional Medical Director or Paramedic Practice Leader at [clinicalpractice@bcehs.ca](mailto:clinicalpractice@bcehs.ca).

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