

March 4, 2020

HYPERACUTE STROKE BYPASS – PHASE 1

Go Live March 11, 2020

What is happening?

- The first phase of Hyperacute Stroke Bypass is going live on March 11, 2020, which includes all EHS FAST+ patients bypassed from Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH) to Royal Columbian Hospital (RCH).

Why is this happening?

1. A three-phase Hyperacute Stroke Bypass strategy was endorsed by Fraser Health (FH) in partnership with B.C. Emergency Health Services.
2. Timing of implementation for Phase 2 and Phase 3 will be identified, pending learnings from Phase 1, but planned for later in 2020.
3. The Hyperacute Stroke Bypass strategy aligns with the recommendations from the Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations and Stroke Services B.C.
4. The goal of Hyperacute Stroke Bypass is for suspected stroke patients to receive the best possible care in a timely manner.
5. The timing of care for stroke patients is critical because “time is brain.”

Please forward this KYI to your teams.

When will it happen?

Hyperacute Stroke Bypass Phase 1 will go live on **March 11, 2020** at **0800** hours.

What are the impacts of the change?

- EHS FAST+ suspected stroke patients in Surrey will bypass SMH to RCH for diagnosis and treatment.
- “Hot” stroke protocols will expedite the confirmation of diagnosis
- Non-stroke patients will be immediately transported via EHS or Patient Transport Services to their community emergency department for further assessment and care (refer to FH Stroke Bypass Patient Movement Agreement, February 2020).

Questions:

Any questions or need more information regarding the implementation of the Hyperacute Stroke Bypass, please forward to Aileen.Minhas@fraserhealth.ca or Raji.Nibber@fraserhealth.ca